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A school official hands out notices to parents as students arrive for class at False Creek Elementary School in Vancouver on Wednesday, where a human hand was delivered Tuesday.

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Magnotta has links to Vancouver via porn: Cops

Investigation. After a hand and foot were mailed to two schools, police confirm suspect in body-parts case spent time in the city

As parents in Vancouver struggle with whether to shield their kids from the shocking news that a human hand and foot were mailed to two schools, links between the city and the suspect at the centre of an unfolding horror story are beginning to emerge.

Montreal police Cmdr. Ian Lafreniere confirmed police believe Luka Magnotta, 29, spent time in Vancouver.

"Was it just passing by, or (had) he been there for a long time? We don't know, but we know he used to be in Vancouver at least," he told CKNW.

Magnotta was arrested in Berlin on Monday and is expected to be extradited to Canada. Information on the Internet Adult Film Database shows Luka Rocco Magnotta performed in eight adult movies, including "Street Bait 996: Luka," distributed by StreetBait.com.

Jeff Vanzetti, the owner and webmaster of the database site based in New Jersey, said the last of his movies may be the key.

"Back in 2003, (StreetBait) had an office in Vancouver," he said. "It doesn't mean they had a production studio there, or that he was ever in Vancouver."

No one at StreetBait could be contacted for comment.

Bankruptcy documents filed by Magnotta in Ontario in 2007 say he owed a Metro Vancouver leasing company $10,000. The company is listed as Travelers Leasing, based in Burnaby.

But there is little in his background or the bankruptcy documents to suggest why Magnotta might mail the grisly packages to two elementary schools.

At False Creek Elementary School, Dave Brown said Wednesday he told his daughter the truth after a package containing a hand arrived at the school on Tuesday afternoon. Brown said it was important for him to tell his daughter the truth, but it frightened her.

"There was a moment, I think, at first, of fear, and then there was sort of a dawning of acceptance. That didn't take very long, and then I think what followed was her basically saying, 'Wow, there's a lot of sick, twisted people in the world.'"

But Eva Perjes said she doesn't want her two kids — in Grades 2 and 3 — knowing anything about human remains showing up in a package at the school and hopes they don't find out about the incident from older kids.

"It's hard because I really want to shelter them from this news. Even for adults, I don't want to hear it," Perjes said. "It's just the impact on kids and the innocence that's taken away, that someone ... I don't want to say it."

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A mammoth surprise

An Iowa man has made an unusual discovery in his backyard, piquing the interest of experts who study prehistoric life. Over the past two years, most of an entire woolly-mammoth skeleton has been found on his property. Watch the excavation of a 14,000-year-old creature at metronews.ca.

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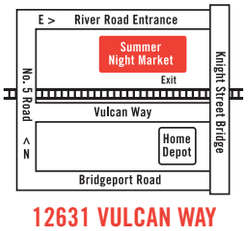

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Pickton inquiry ends as it began — wrapped in much controversy

Report due Oct. 31. Commissioner's job will be to sort out who to believe, who to blame, and what needs to be changed

The public inquiry into the Robert Pickton case ended Wednesday with the sounds of aboriginal drums from protesters on the street seeping into the Federal Court room where commissioner Wally Oppal has heard evidence for the past seven months.

Now, as then, the inquiry has fierce critics, who dismiss it as unfair, incomplete and, above all, unable to truly answer why the justice system failed the impoverished sex workers who became Pickton's victims.

Now, as then, families of Pickton's victims remain unconvinced their voices have been heard and listened to, although their complaints have grown louder with each passing day of the hearings and the families now condemn the hearings as a complete failure.

And now, as then, Oppal finds himself defending his work and insisting that despite the controversy that has hung over the inquiry, he will be able to prompt meaningful change to protect sex workers in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

"I'm satisfied that we're doing the right thing. I'm satisfied that we'll come up with a positive report so that we can make policing better, so that we can ensure that those people who haven't been listened to will be listened to in the future."

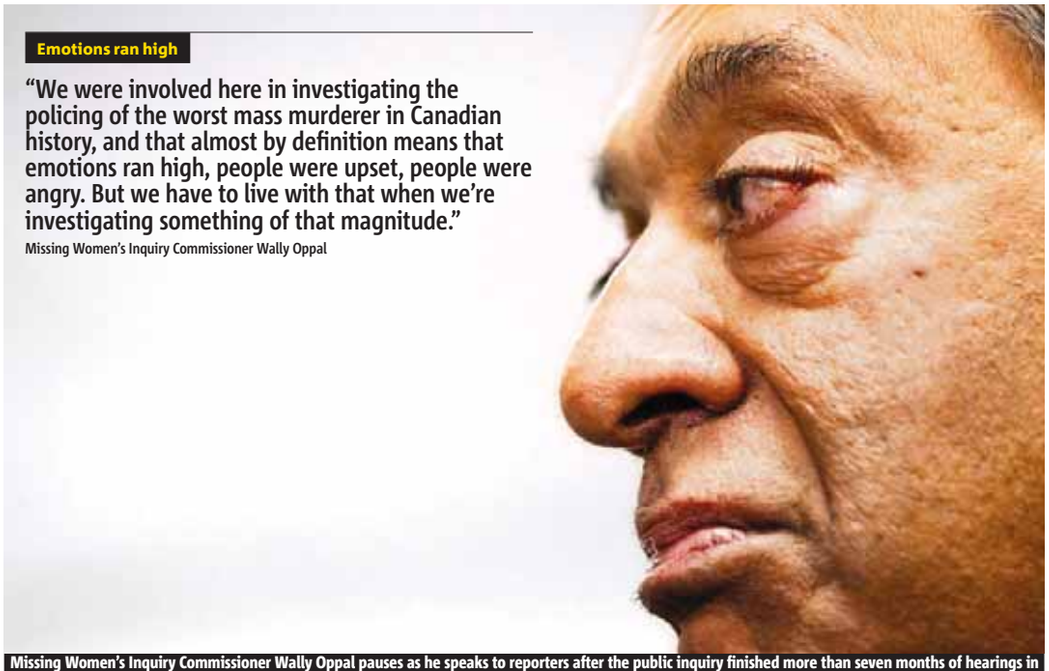
Since last October, Oppal has heard from more than 80 witnesses, including relatives of Pickton's victims, current and former police officers, Crown prosecutors, sex-trade workers, advocates and academics, among others.

He has heard Vancouver police and RCMP officers who were involved in the various investigations explain what they did — and didn't do — and defend how they handled the case. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Emotions ran high

"We were involved here in investigating the policing of the worst mass murderer in Canadian history, and that almost by definition means that emotions ran high, people were upset, people were angry. But we have to live with that when we're investigating something of that magnitude."

Missing Women's Inquiry Commissioner Wally Oppal



Missing Women's Inquiry Commissioner Wally Oppal pauses as he speaks to reporters after the public inquiry finished more than seven months of hearings in Vancouver on Wednesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

No more MV Sun Sea charges expected: Investigator

Supt. Derek Simmonds announces charges have been laid against three more suspected human smugglers in the MV Sun Sea case. KATE WEBB/METRO

Nearly two years after 492 Tamil migrants were intercepted on a cargo ship off the coast of B.C., RCMP say they have finally charged everyone they believe was responsible in the human-smuggling case.

Supt. Derek Simmonds, who heads the B.C. Federal Border Integrity Program, announced Wednesday three more suspected human smugglers have been charged in connection with the MV Sun Sea investigation, bringing the total charged in the case to six.

"While the possibility cannot be entirely ruled out, I do not expect further charges from this investigation," Simmonds said.

While six smuggling charges have been laid, two of the suspects are still on the lam and are thought to be hiding overseas. The first of the six men was arrested in early May and is being held in France, and two more, who were arrested in mid-May, are being held in Canada.

Thampeernayan Rajaratnam was arrested Tuesday in Ontario.

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If convicted, the men could face fines up of to $1 million or life imprisonment, or both.

Still wanted are Nadarajah Mehendran and Sathyapavan Aseervatham. RCMP are trying to locate them and hope to get them extradited to Canada.

Simmonds said the MV Sun Sea has been an exceptionally complex case to investigate, and that the six charged represent both the alleged leadership of the ship and organizers of the August 2010 international smuggling conspiracy.

As of May 28, seven of the nearly 500 migrants on the ship had been accepted as refugees, according to the Immigration and Refugee Board. Twenty have been ordered deported, 19 have abandoned their refugee claims, and the rest have refugee claims in process. Only one man from the ship remains in immigration detention.

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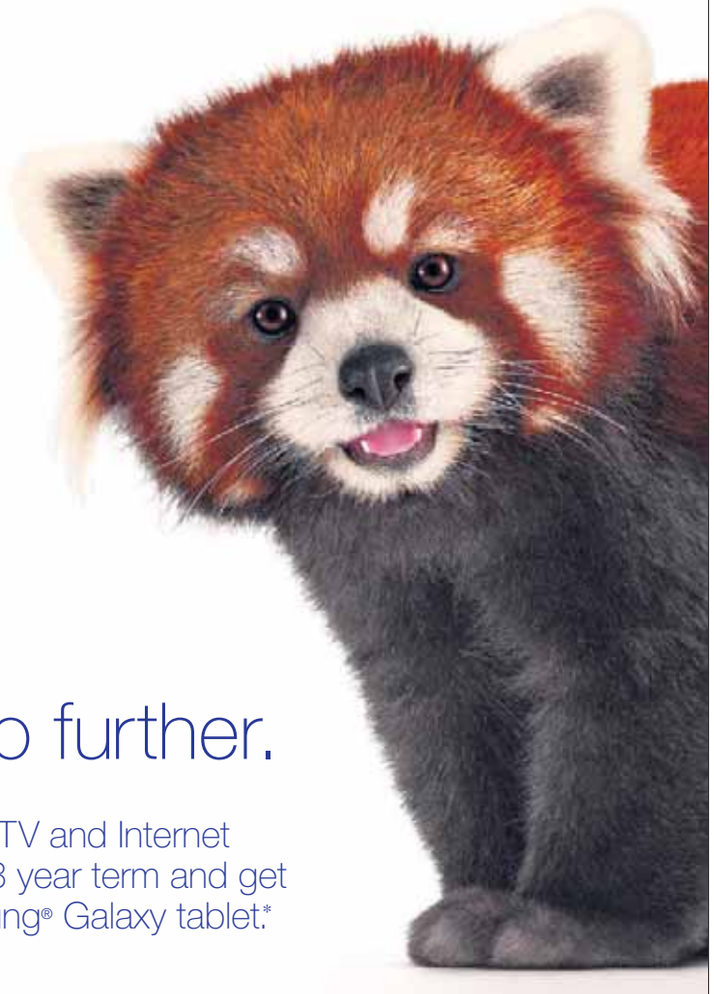

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ManCakes expected to be a Father's Day hit

Business. Mancakes: The cupcakes strongly flavoured enough for a man

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Are you a manly man looking for an über-masculine snack to scarf with your bros at the next monster-truck rally, hunting expedition or lingerie football game?

Even if not, you're likely to enjoy ManCakes: the cupcakes strongly flavoured enough for a man — and conceived by men — but being snapped up by 80 per cent women customers.

Business partners Geoff Hamilton and Jeremy Wong dreamed up their 10 wacky ManCake flavours — such as Buffalo Wing with blue cheesecake mousse filling and Whiskey Lime — in 2010 after a disappointing trip to a Vancouver cupcakery.

"We had eaten cupcakes earlier that day and we were angry about it," Hamilton told Metro Wednesday.

"We were so confused because all these girls would rave about these cupcakes, and we were like, 'I just don't get it! I just don't understand why it's so good.' So we just ranted and raved about what we would do differently."

That ranting turned into hatching a business plan, and with the help of a highly trained pastry chef they started filling orders last December. Business these days is booming, Hamilton said, and they are expecting to have to hire extra help to fill orders for Father's Day.

ManCakes can only be ordered online, at mancakes-bakery.com, or at Pete's Meat Butcher Shop and Deli at 2817 Arbutus St. in Kitsilano.

ManCakes Bakery's signature Buffalo Wing cupcakes have a spice base filled with tangy blue cheesecake mousse, topped with a hot-sauce buttercream and crispy chicken sprinkles. MANCAKES BAKERY/HANDOUT

Pipeline. Enbridge claim of support among First Nations a 'sham': B.C. aboriginals

An aboriginal group along the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline says Enbridge's claim of widespread support among First Nations is a sham.

On Tuesday, Enbridge announced it had signed agreements with 60 per cent of the aboriginal communities on the route, saying that's proof there's more support for the pipeline than opponents would suggest.

But Art Sterritt, executive director of the Coastal First Nations, says he knows of only two First Nations who have signed the equity-sharing deal, and he accuses Enbridge of expanding its corridor to include support from communities that won't be directly affected by the pipeline.

He says his people are "mystified" about why Enbridge included support from a Metis group when they don't have rights and title to the land upon which the pipeline will travel.

A statement from the B.C. Metis Federation says it has been seeking a voice for Metis on the pipeline, but that federation leaders oppose the project.

Enbridge says First Nations who sign the deal will get about $280 million over 30 years and would start seeing cash flow within the first year of the pipeline's operation.

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Attacks. Hit list of slain double-murder suspect includes six people and two schools

Two schools and a group home were also on the hit list of a man who is suspected of killing two people in a Burnaby sushi house and wounding another, police say.

Sgt. Jennifer Pound of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team said in a statement Wednesday that one of the schools was in Burnaby, while the other school and a group home were in Surrey.

The details came just a day after police announced Angus Mitchell, 26, had developed detailed plans — including routes of attack and escape — to target six businesses and six people across Metro Vancouver.

"We cannot put a number to the potential fatalities that could have come from Mr. Mitchell's premeditated plan as many of the businesses were highly populated," said Pound.

Mitchell was killed in a May 30 shootout with police officers who had tracked him down after a Maple Ridge woman, Susanne Murphy, called 911.

Businesses targeted

Business types also included restaurants, a coffee house, a landscaping company, gym and security firm.

He is suspected of killing Huong (Andy) Tran, 36, and Chinh (Vivian) Diem Huyhn, 34, inside the sushi house and wounding a former landlord.

Police remain uncertain as to what motivated the attacks, but Kevin Hackett, the officer in charge of the homicide investigation team, said Tuesday that Mitchell may have had conflict with some of the individuals.

Pound declined to identify any of the names on the list, saying investigators were trying to sort through the details to determine where conflict may have existed.

However, she did identify the cities as Burnaby, Vancouver, New Westminster, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Surrey and White Rock.

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TransLink. Give bus supervisors power to collar fare evaders: Union

Transit supervisors are asking TransLink for the same authority as police officers to issue fare-evasion tickets on city buses after the province passed legislation permitting the change.

Supervisors are usually the first to respond to disputes on city buses but have no way of enforcing fare evasion without calling police, said Rob Woods, Canadian Union of Public Employees president, who represents some 200 supervisors at TransLink and BC Transit.

"There are just no consequences for somebody walking away from us when we're making that request (of payment). So we'd like to have the right tools to issue a ticket," he said.

With more than 57,000 outstanding tickets priced at $173 each and new enforcement tools on the way, the cash-strapped transit authority could benefit from greater enforcement in the future, Woods said.

"The transit supervisors are already doing that work, so it's really a no-cost item," he said.

New provincial legislation allows TransLink to expand its enforcement capabilities on outstanding tickets by using collection agencies and preventing drivers from renewing their licences unless fines are paid through ICBC.

With fare gates being installed by next year at many SkyTrain stations, chronic evaders will soon turn to buses for free rides, Woods warned.

"Using their own numbers, that's where the fare evasion is actually the highest, around six per cent. A big part of that will be pushed onto the bus system when fare gates are installed."

TransLink is planning to implement the legislative changes by the end of August but would not confirm if transit supervisors will be given the accreditation they seek.

"There's a lot of work that needs to be done to allow for this new authority to work," spokesman Jason Martin said.

DANIEL PALMER/FOR METRO

Short Film Festival. Horror film could win up to $125K in prize money

After producing a movie in only 48 hours on a sleepless October weekend, Vancouverites Stephen and Robyn Stubbs had no idea their horror film would soon be getting international attention.

But that's exactly what happened after Requiem for a C.H.U.D. — or cannibalistic humanoid underground dweller — beat out more than 4,000 submissions to be featured at this year's CFC Worldwide Short Film Festival in Toronto.

"It's one of the more prestigious festivals around, so we tried our luck and got accepted," said Stephen Stubbs, who directed and produced the film, while Robyn Stubbs wrote the script. Producers Aaron Grain and Kryshan Randal also contributed to the film.

The festival is one of only three in Canada to be accredited by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Winners are eligible for more than $125,000 in prizes. The film shows on Saturday at 11:30 p.m. at the Bloor Hot Docs Cinema in Toronto. DANIEL PALMER/FOR METRO

Rivers overflowing

Flood watch spreads across province

The flood watch is expanding in B.C. as heavy rains swell rivers in much of the province. High-water advisories cover rivers in the Columbia region of southeast B.C., the Kootenays, Central B.C., the Peace Region and Northern Rocky Mountains. The district of Prince George has set up an emergency operations centre.

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Detour alert

Mudslide blocks Trans-Canada near Golden

An early-morning mudslide has blocked Highway 1 between Revelstoke and Golden. Rock and debris has severed the road through Glacier National Park and it will not be cleared until at least 6 p.m. Thursday. Drivers are advised to detour via Highway 3, but heavy traffic and possible long waits at the inland ferry could make for slow travelling. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brittany McMillan of Surrey is one of five finalists who could win a $20,000 scholarship and the October 2012 cover of Seventeen magazine. She is the founder of Spirit Day, an anti-bullying initiative that has won support from the likes of Ellen DeGeneres. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Surrey student shows Seventeen spirit

Magazine cover contest. Teen founded Spirit Day to fight homophobia

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A young LGBTQ crusader from Surrey could grace the cover of Seventeen magazine for being the driving force behind a global anti-bullying initiative.

Brittany McMillan, 17, is one of five finalists in the U.S. teen magazine's second annual "Pretty Amazing" cover contest.

McMillan, a student at North Surrey Elementary, founded Spirit Day in 2010 after reading news stories about teenagers who had committed suicide because of homophobic bullying.

"For these other kids, being bullied by an outside force is not right at all," she said.

What started as a blog entry asking her followers to help start a day of support for the victims of bullying has now become a global movement.

Spirit Day, celebrated on Oct. 20, has been taken up by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). Hollywood celebrities such as Ellen DeGeneres, Tyra Banks, Ryan Seacrest and the cast of Glee have worn purple to show their support for the cause.

The colour comes from the purple stripe of the rainbow or Pride flag, representing spirit.

McMillan, a straight-A student and student-council member, will be flown to New York along with the other four finalists for a photo shoot and a luncheon with the editors of Seventeen and actress Emma Roberts, one of the contest judges.

The winner will be announced in September. She will appear on an October 2012 cover and receive a $20,000 scholarship.

McMillan said if she wins, the money will go toward her education. She wants to become an elementary-school teacher.

She said she's working with Pride Live Nation and GLAAD on a clothing line as well as a fundraising text campaign that would benefit LGBTQ organizations.

"Pride Live Nation and I have also been talking to the United Nations and working on getting a document drawn up on how other countries can help get rid of homophobic bullying," she said.

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Gregor Robertson and students do some gardening on Wednesday. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

City plots new course on gardens

Vancouver's community garden scene continues to grow.

Mayor Gregor Robertson announced Wednesday that 11 new plots have been added to the city hall community garden, which currently has 36 plots.

Last year, 405 new garden plots were created in Vancouver.

Robertson said the city is well on its way to achieving 5,000 garden plots by 2020. Already there are 3,700 plots in 85 community gardens across the city.

"They are really a positive addition to the fabric of our city," he said. "They certainly increase the local food options, reduce greenhouse-gas emissions in the process … promote healthier eating and are great for teaching kids where their food comes from."

Robertson said Vancouver is well ahead of neighbouring cities Seattle and Portland, which have 76 and 43 community gardens respectively.

Michael Granum, a Grade 7 student from Simon Fraser Elementary, said having a community garden is also a great way to meet new people.

"A community garden is like an outdoor classroom," he said. "Gardening is also a good way to relieve stress."

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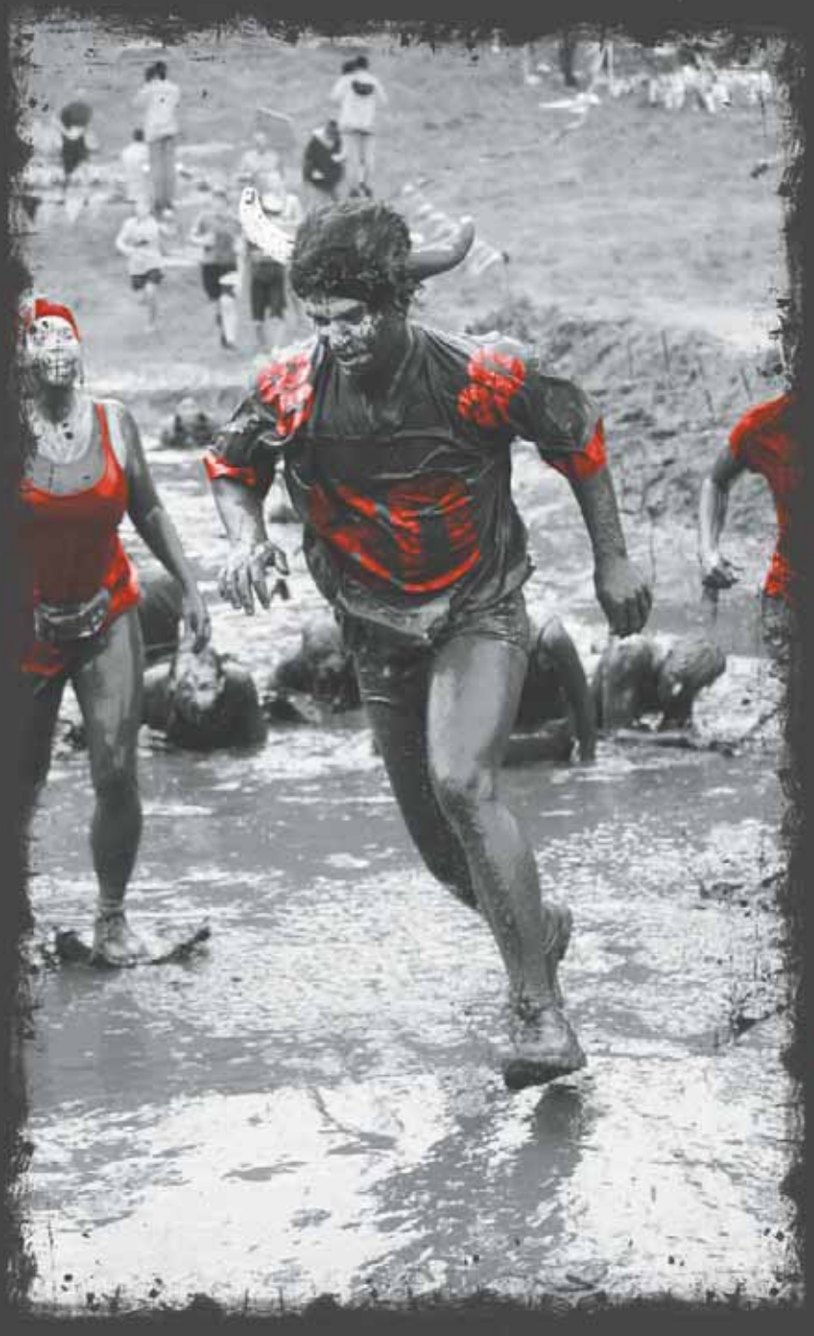

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Carr paintings chosen for dOCUMENTA

Art. Seven of heralded painter's works will be showcased at the prestigious exhibit, a first for a Canadian

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Sixty-seven years after her death, iconic West Coast painter Emily Carr is making history again.

Seven of her paintings will be showcased in an "Olympics of art" — the dOCUMENTA (13) in Kessel, Germany.

Ian Thom, Vancouver Art Gallery senior curator, said it's the first time that works by a historical Canadian painter — not even one from the Group of Seven — are being shown at the international exhibit, which is held every five years.

"It means that her work will be seen in a very different context and hopefully it will allow people to consider her work in relationship to other international figures," said Thom, who accompanied the works and oversaw the installation.

"This will introduce her work to a larger audience unaware of her," he added.

The last dOCUMENTA exhibit held in 2007 drew more than 750,000 people from all over the world.

Thom said they were surprised to get a call from the exhibit's curators asking the gallery to loan them seven of Carr's paintings.

The selected paintings depict forests and First Nations subjects, he added.

The 13th edition of the dOCUMENTA exhibit opens Saturday and runs for 100 days.

Other Canadian artists who will take part this year are George Bures Miller, Brian Jungen, Gareth Moore and Janet Cardiff.

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Quoted

"This will introduce her work to a larger audience unaware of her."

Ian Thom, Vancouver Art Gallery senior curator, is excited that Emily Carr's paintings will be exposed to a new audience at dOCUMENTA

Totem Mother, Kitwancool, a 1928 oil on canvas by Emily Carr, is one of her works being exhibited at dOCUMENTA. PHOTO BY TREVOR MILLS, VANCOUVER ART GALLERY

From riot to reflection: MOV marks one-year anniversary

Hanna Cho, curator of engagement and dialogue at the Museum of Vancouver, is hosting a one-year anniversary talk on last year's Stanley Cup riot. DANIEL PALMER/METRO

As Stanley Cup headlines linger in the background, the focus of Vancouverites inevitably returns to the emotion and destruction that followed last year's Game 7 heartbreak.

The Museum of Vancouver is marking the anniversary of the infamous 2011 Stanley Cup riot with a roundtable discussion that will bring together artists and policy-makers on June 15 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

"There's a lot of finger-pointing that inevitably happened after the riot and will probably resurface," said Hanna Cho, MOV curator of engagement and dialogue. "But I really think the more productive way to use that time is to ask, 'Where are we going as a city?'"

The MOV salvaged 76 plywood boards from downtown businesses, including "the Wall of Hope" from the Bay building. Cho intends to use them as a starting point when she moderates the roundtable event next Friday.

"The riot boards literally speak for themselves," she said, recalling the many public phone calls and emails she received in the wake of the riot, urging the MOV to preserve the history.

The roundtable participants will each bring a unique perspective of the riot, Cho said. They include city councillor Andrea Reimer, local playwright Kevin Loring and photographer Maurice Li, who will present a slideshow of his work from the historic evening and days that followed.

Quoted

"This was something that made us really consider, 'Is this who we are as a city?'"

Hanna Cho, curator of engagement and dialogue at the Museum of Vancouver

"The photos that came out of the riots were really compelling. Those were the things that really shaped the collective discourse," Cho said.

Loring will also read excerpts from his stageplay, A Thin Veneer, which follows several fictional Vancouverites during the 2011 riot.

"As a young city, it bears discussion on where we want to go, because this was something that made us really consider, 'Is this who we are as a city?'" she said.

The event is by donation with a suggested admission price of $5 to $10.

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Torrential rain

Showers reduce fire danger to low

There is a silver lining to that huge cloud dumping torrential rain over most of eastern B.C.

Fire information officer Kevin Skrepnek says the downpour has cut the risk of wildfires in the Kamloops Fire Zone from extreme in some areas to low, right across the board.

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Health review

B.C. to improve air monitoring in Peace region

The B.C. government says it will improve air-quality monitoring in northeast B.C. following concerns expressed by residents during the first phase of a review of how the oil-and-gas industry is affecting the health of people in the region.

The government says it will immediately establish new monitoring stations at two rural locations in the South Peace area and set up a special working group that will look at further expansion of air monitoring.

In addition to air quality, residents responding to the review raised concerns about exposure to hydrogen sulphide or contaminated water and well-site accidents.

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Provincial politics

Clark to hold more townhalls across B.C.

Premier Christy Clark says B.C. Liberals will fan out this summer for a series of townhall meetings as the party tries to claw back support before a general election next spring.

Clark announced the townhalls during the annual premier's dinner Tuesday night in Vancouver.

In her speech, Clark also lauded the Los Angeles Kings hockey team — saying the club that squeaked into the playoffs in eighth place in its division has demonstrated a spirit of belief and defiance that has led it to the brink of the Stanley Cup championship. Clark predicts the B.C. Liberals can display the same winning spirit over the next year.

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Raining $100 bills

Good Samaritans return lost money

A Prince George business that lost nearly $2,000 has the money back thanks to some Good Samaritans. Roger and Gladys Nickolet noticed $50 and $100 bills floating in the air Tuesday after a T-and-S Communications employee forgot she'd left a bag of money on top of her car before driving to a bank. PRINCE GEORGE CITIZEN

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Taliban accused of sick new war on girls ... using poison

Dirty tricks. Students were bribed with up to $1,000 to lace school water with toxic powder, officials say

The Afghan government accused the Taliban Wednesday of poisoning schoolgirls.

Taliban members were accused of bribing students and workers to sneak toxic chemicals into drinking water or spread it around school grounds, sickening scores.

In two cases, female students were said to have been paid almost $1,000 to contaminate water tanks at their schools with toxic powder.

In other instances, conspirators sprayed a sweet-smelling yellow liquid around the grounds of the school, officials said.

The officials did not identify any of the toxic substances allegedly used.

Fifteen suspects have been arrested, officials said.

Those being held include 12 identified Taliban insurgents, a teacher and a school treasurer and his wife.

Government officials said six schools were affected in northern Takhar province in the past three weeks.

The officials said one school alone had 125 cases.

President Hamid Karzai called for an investigation.

Intelligence service spokesperson Latifullah Mashal said the intelligence service discovered a conspiracy by militants to try to scare families from sending their children to school.

"They want to create terror and fear among students, especially in the education sector and also in the health sector, which are two of the major achievements of the 10 years of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan," said Mashal.

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Ugly war

The Taliban have long waged a war on women and girls.

- **BEFORE.** When the Taliban ruled Afghanistan, girls were banned from going to school.
- **AFTER.** After the 2001 ouster, Taliban members would spray schoolgirls' faces with acid.

Afghan girls study their lessons at the Aziz Afghan Secondary School in Kabul. RODRIGO ABD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE

Blood, bodies litter market after suicide attack

Villagers gather Wednesday near a house destroyed during a NATO raid in Logar province. IHSANULLAH MAJROH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three suicide attackers blew themselves up in the largest city in southern Afghanistan Wednesday, turning a dusty marketplace into a gruesome scene of blood and bodies.

Twenty-two people were killed and at least 50 others wounded in the Kandahar bloodbath.

"I couldn't see anything except for fire and dust," said Islam Zada, who was on the other side of the road having tea near his parked truck when the first bomb went off.

"I found a wounded truck driver on our side of the road and went to help him," Zada said.

"We gave him some water and when we were talking to him the other blasts happened."

Taliban spokesperson Qari Yousef Ahmadi claimed responsibility for the attack in Kandahar, the spiritual birthplace of the insurgency.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack on innocent civilians.

He said it proved the "enemy is getting weaker because they are killing innocent people."

The Taliban appeared to be targeting companies located at the Kandahar bomb site that provide supplies to a massive military base used by the U.S.-led coalition about five kilometres away.

Eight of the 22 killed worked for companies that supply equipment to the base.

The NATO coalition also denounced the killings and urged the Afghan people to support the government and the nation's developing security forces.

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Carnage

The violence continued elsewhere in Afghanistan.

- **Eastern Afghanistan: Officials and residents said a pre-dawn NATO airstrike targeting militants killed civilians celebrating a wedding, including women and children. It happened in the Baraki Barak district of Logar province.**

200,000 names

Signatures block gay marriage

Washington state's law allowing gay marriage was blocked from taking effect on Wednesday as opponents filed more than 200,000 signatures seeking a public vote on the issue in November.

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Nigeria crash

Airline: This was no suicide mission

A Nigerian airline whose airplane crashed defended itself Wednesday against growing public criticism.

Dana Air said its chief engineer died on the flight — which killed 153 on board and more on the ground in Lagos.

The chief engineer "certainly would not have allowed that aircraft to take off" if there was a problem, said executive Francis Ogboro.

"No airline crew would go on a suicide mission," Ogboro added.

The plane underwent strenuous checks like the others the carrier owns and that he routinely flies, Ogboro said.

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Bladder infection

Queen visits Prince Philip

Queen Elizabeth visited Prince Philip in a London hospital Wednesday. He is there for treatment of the bladder infection that has made him miss much of the diamond jubilee celebrations.

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Iowa find

Mammoth bones spark excitement

The discovery of mammoth bones on an Iowa farm has experts excited about scientific breakthroughs that may happen. The find appears to include much of the animal's skeleton undisturbed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China's crisis

Common drugs fail to quell TB

One in 10 cases of tuberculosis in China cannot be treated by the most commonly used drugs, according to a national survey that showed for the first time the size of the drug-resistant epidemic.

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Tusk trade

Feds reverse decision on narwhal exports

Inuit hunters are celebrating the reversal of a federal decision to block the export of prized narwhal tusks, which can bring up to $1.5 million to Arctic communities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Student protests

Fined Quebec MLA cites Gandhi as inspiration

A member of the Quebec legislature, arrested and fined at a student protest, says his actions were inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

Amir Khadir was ticketed $494 for blocking a road and violating a highway-safety code.

The sole elected member of the tiny left-wing Quebec solidaire, Khadir was caught in a police dragnet Tuesday night as student protesters were surrounded and detained in Quebec City.

He says his actions were modelled on historic acts of civil disobedience.
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Suspicious mail

Packages with powder sent to Quebec targets

The Quebec provincial police anti-terrorist squad is investigating nearly two dozen suspicious packages that were sent to high-profile targets in the province on Wednesday, including the riding office of Premier Jean Charest.

The packages contained white powder but police said late Wednesday that preliminary analysis determined it was not dangerous. At least one of the packages was identified as containing baking soda.

The packages appeared to come from a group referring to itself as the Armed Revolutionary Forces of Quebec.
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Air rage

Unruly passenger charged after flight diverted

An Ontario man faces charges after an international flight was diverted to Newfoundland Monday. Police say the unruly passenger tried to enter the cockpit.
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U.S. defends drone attacks

India. Defense Secretary discusses volatile relationship with Pakistan, remains firm on U.S. tactics

Just two days after a drone strike killed al-Qaida's second-in-command, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta made it clear Wednesday that such attacks will continue as long as the U.S. needs to defend itself against terrorists that threaten America.

Speaking in India — on Pakistan's doorstep — Panetta unapologetically dismissed suggestions that the strikes could violate Pakistan's sovereignty.

"This is about our sovereignty as well," he said when answering questions from the audience after a speech at an Indian think-tank.

And he was blunt about the difficulties in the U.S. relationship with Pakistan, as insurgents continue to find safe haven there, despite repeated protests from American leaders.

"It's a complicated relationship, often times frustrating, often times difficult," Panetta said. "They have provided some co-operation. There are other times when frankly that co-operation is not there. But the United States cannot just walk away from that relationship. We have to continue to do what we can to ... find some mutual co-operation."

Panetta's message is likely to reverberate in Pakistan, particularly since it was delivered in India — its long-standing arch rival.

But he also publicly urged India to work toward a better relationship with Pakistan, its fellow nuclear-armed neighbour.

Both the U.S. and India must overcome deep differences with Pakistan to bolster peace and security in South Asia, he said in a speech to the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses here.
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Diplomatic tension

- Panetta's speech comes as U.S. tensions with Pakistan continue to fray, strained by the persistent CIA drone attacks as well as a deadlock in negotiations over U.S. shipments of supplies across the Afghanistan border.
- Adding to that potential discord, Panetta also urged Indian leaders in meetings Tuesday and Wednesday to consider providing additional support to Afghanistan, including trade, reconstruction and security assistance.

In the eye of the storm

Josh Beebee surveys damage after two tornados were reported to have touched down near Taber, Alta., on Tuesday, leaving more than half the town without power. Residents were cleaning up downed trees and minor damage to buildings on Wednesday.

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Syria. Russia and China united against sanctions

The Obama administration is warning Syria that UN sanctions may be near, as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton headed Wednesday to Turkey to talk strategy with America's allies and look for a way to win Russia's support for a transition plan ending the Assad regime.

Russia and China, however, who have blocked such sanctions before, issued a joint statement reiterating their opposition to any imposing of "regime change" in the violence-wracked country, where some 13,000 people have died in more than a year of uprisings.
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Libya. Bomb explodes next to U.S. consulate

Attackers set off a bomb next to a wall of the U.S. Consulate in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi Wednesday, the State Department said, causing no casualties.

The blast underlined the unstable security situation in Libya, more than seven months after the death of deposed dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

It came two weeks before the country is scheduled to hold its first post-Gadhafi national elections.

The State Department said that there were no injuries. It said the bomb "exploded at a perimeter wall."
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Obituary

Sci-fi legend Ray Bradbury dies

Ray Bradbury, the science-fiction-fantasy master who transformed his childhood dreams and Cold War fears into telepathic Martians, lovesick sea monsters, and, in uncanny detail, the high-tech, book-burning future of Fahrenheit 451, died on Tuesday. He was 91.

His writings ranged from horror and mystery to humour and sympathetic stories. Bradbury also scripted John Huston's 1956 film version of Moby Dick, wrote for The Twilight Zone and other programs including Ray Bradbury Theater.

Author Ray Bradbury at a 1997 book signing for Quicker Than the Eye

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Egypt

Hosni Mubarak's health worsens

Hosni Mubarak's health sharply deteriorated Wednesday, days after he was sentenced to life in prison, and specialists were evaluating whether to transfer him to a better-equipped hospital outside the penal system, security officials said.

The deposed leader's health scare added to the uncertainty engulfing Egypt, where powerful political groups are seeking to bar Mubarak's former prime minister from the presidential runoff and derail the election.

Officials at Cairo's Torah prison said the 84-year-old Mubarak's condition had moved to a "dangerous" phase and that doctors administered oxygen five times to help him breathe.

Mubarak was the only patient being treated in the prison hospital's intensive-care unit, which recently underwent a $1-million U.S. renovation to prepare for his arrival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel approves construction of settler homes

A Hollow compromise. Palestinians enraged, settlers disappointed while State Department voices displeasure

West Bank in crisis

Israel's prime minister accepted Wednesday's 69-62 vote despite widespread angst over the decision to transfer settlement buildings from Ulpana to Beit El.

- **Internal Resistance.** Settlers instead wanted the government to compensate Palestine for their unlawful occupation in Ulpana. They now vow to fight the decision.
- **Reaction.** Negotiator Saeb Erekat labelled the decision as a "grave development" while the U.S. State Department cautioned the move undermines the entire peace process.

Israel's prime minister on Wednesday ordered construction of 300 new homes in a West Bank settlement, a move aimed at placating settler anger over the planned demolition of an illegally built outpost nearby.

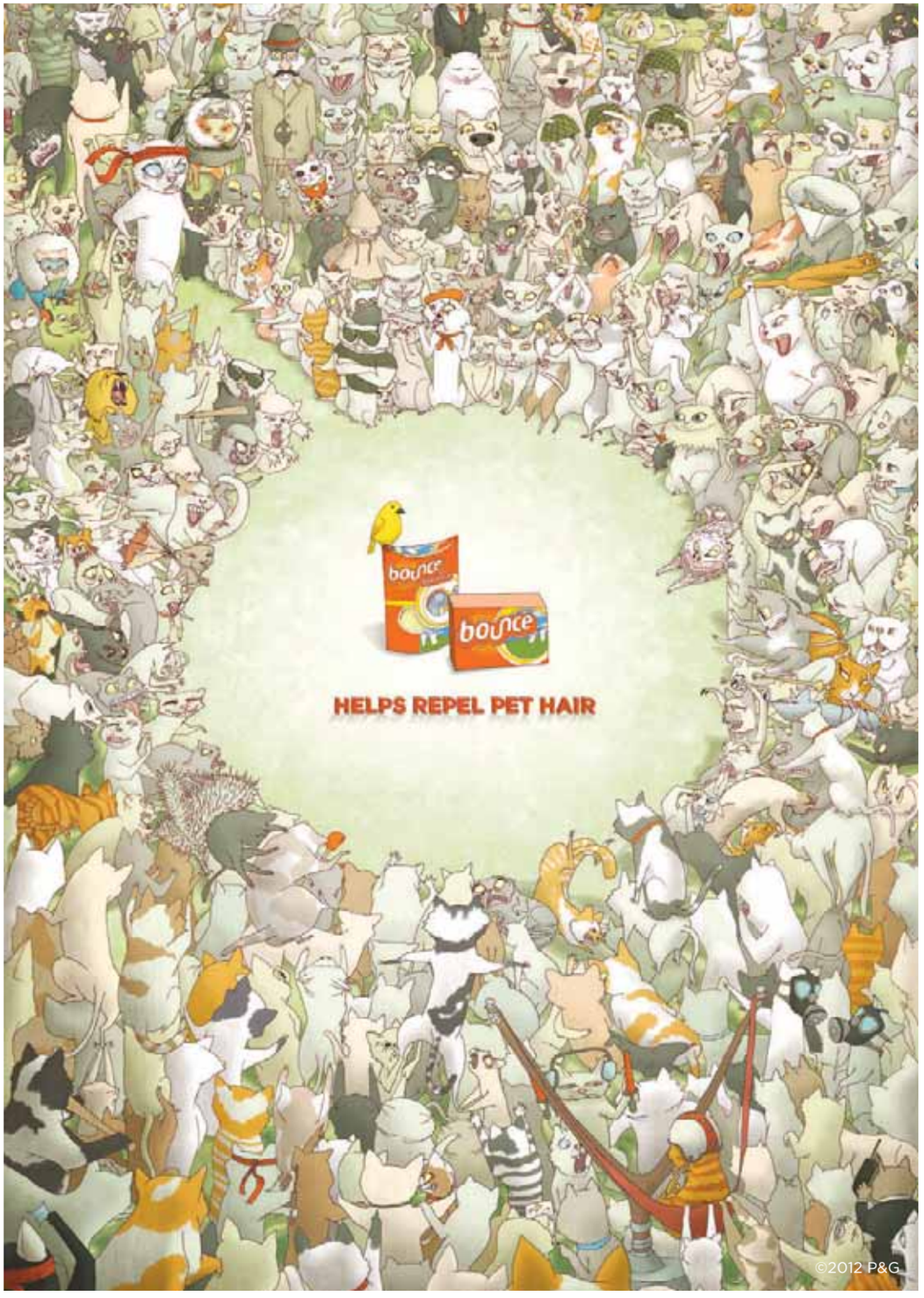
The decision infuriated the Palestinians, who have refused to conduct peace talks while Israel expands its settlements on occupied land. It also risked drawing an international backlash.

Netanyahu has been grappling with a domestic crisis over the unauthorized settlement outpost of Ulpana. The Supreme Court has ordered the five apartment buildings in the outpost to be removed by July 1 after determining they were built on private Palestinian land.

Netanyahu has said he would honour the ruling, while Jewish settlers and their hardline allies in Netanyahu's government have vowed to resist the order. Netanyahu opposed the bill, saying it would likely be overturned by the Supreme Court and generate harsh international criticism.

In order to blunt settler anger, Netanyahu has come up with a novel solution: Instead of demolishing the buildings, he plans on removing them from their foundations and transferring them to the nearby settlement of Beit El. In addition, he said he would build 300 more homes in Beit El.

"Israel is a democracy that observes the law, and as prime minister I am obligated to preserve the law and preserve the settlements, and I say here that there is no contradiction between the two," Netanyahu said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Rockslide derails train service

An aerial view of the rockslide at the Gotthard rail tracks near Gurtnellen, Switzerland, on Wednesday. Switzerland's main passenger rail connection to Italy has been cut for at least a month because of a rockslide in the Alps that has left one man missing.

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Allied veterans attend 68th D-Day memorial

Normandy. International politicians and Second World War veterans join in the unveiling of war-hero monument

With Second World War-era military planes darting overhead and Normandy's Utah Beach visible in the distance, a bronze statue emerged from beneath a camouflage parachute, in tribute to a man whose quiet leadership was chronicled in the book and television series Band of Brothers.

The unveiling of the Colorado-made statue of Pennsylvania native Maj. Dick Winters was one of many events marking Wednesday's 68th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied operation that paved the way for the end of the war.

French President Francois Hollande shakes hands with a Second World War veteran. DAVID VINCENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 3.6-metre-tall bronze statue in the Normandy village of Sainte-Marie-du-Mont shows Winters with his weapon at the ready. But Winters — a native of Ephrata, Pa., who died last year at age 92 — only accepted serving as the statue's likeness after monument planners agreed to dedicate it to the memory of all junior U.S. military officers who served that day.

"There were many Dick Winters in this war, and all deserve the bronze and glory of a statue," said former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge, present as the bronze statue, draped in a camouflage parachute, was unveiled.

The statue was made near Boulder, Colo. and transported here, to a roadside between the village of Sainte-Marie-du-Mont and Utah Beach.

It was here that Winters and his small band of men dropped out of the sky on June 6, 1944, to destroy four German artillery guns. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The final voyage

The space shuttle Enterprise, a prototype that never flew in space, travels up the Hudson River to its new home aboard the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum Wednesday in New York. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama 2012. Clinton goes public over disagreement

Is Bill Clinton deliberately sabotaging President Barack Obama? That was the question in the U.S. capital on Wednesday, the day after the former president once again parted ways with the Obama campaign on a crucial election issue — the extension of the George W. Bush-era tax cuts.

Clinton told CNBC that those tax cuts should be extended temporarily at the end of the year, even for the wealthiest Americans.

That's opposite to the Obama administration's approach to slashing the country's mammoth $15.7-trillion US national debt. The White House wants those tax cuts to expire for Americans earning more than $250,000 a year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nuclear Iran

Israeli delegate accuses Tehran of nuclear deception

Israel's delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency accused Tehran on Wednesday of working secretly on nuclear weapons while pretending it does not want such arms, under a strategy of "deception, defiance and concealment."

Iran insists it has no interest in possessing such arms. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S.-South Korea

Republicans urge renewal of nuclear agreement

Republican lawmakers are urging the U.S. to renew its civilian nuclear co-operation agreement with close ally South Korea.

The current 30-year pact expires in 2014.

Rep. Donald Manzullo told a hearing that broadening the current pact would help South Korea develop a reliable source of energy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Miss USA Pennsylvania claims contest is rigged

Miss Pennsylvania Sheena Monnin has resigned from the pageant.
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Trump and pageantry. Sheena Monnin says she quit the contest because it was fixed while others charge it was her opposition to transgender contestants.

The Miss USA pageant representative from Pennsylvania resigned her crown, claiming the contest is rigged, but according to organizers the beauty queen was upset over the decision to allow transgender contestants to enter.

A posting on Miss Pennsylvania Sheena Monnin's Facebook page claims another contestant learned the names of the top five finishers on Sunday morning — hours before the show was broadcast.

Monnin claims the other contestant told her the names of the top five she spotted on a planning sheet for the telecast — and she decided to step down as soon as those same contestants were named during the show.

"In my heart I believe in honesty, fair play, a fair opportunity, and high moral integrity, none of which in my opinion are part of this pageant system any longer," Monnin wrote in one of her Facebook posts.

Monnin, of Cranberry, Butler County, did not immediately respond to a Facebook message from The Associated Press.

Donald Trump, who runs the Miss Universe Organization, called Monnin's claims that the pageant was fixed "totally ridiculous" in a live interview Wednesday on ABC's Good Morning America, and said the pageant organization plans to sue Monnin for making the "false charge."

Pageant organizers confirmed Monnin resigned, but said it wasn't for the reason she claimed.

According to a statement from the Miss Universe Organization, the contestant who Monnin claimed saw the sheet vehemently refuted Monnin's account.

The statement includes text from an email organizers said Monnin sent citing the decision to allow transgender contestants into the competition as the reason she's resigning.

A transgender contestant was initially denied entry to the Miss Universe Canada pageant, but Trump subsequently overruled that decision.

Miss Rhode Island, the pageant's winner, Olivia Culpo, told WPRO-AM she knew Monnin "fairly well" because contestants were often positioned alphabetically by state. She said Monnin's original resignation was based on her stance on the pageant's policy on transgender contestants and called it "strange" that Monnin is now saying something else.
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Reaction

"We're going to be suing her now.... She made a false charge."
Donald Trump, Miss USA Pageant co-owner, reacting to Sheena Monnin's claims

The clap. Gonorrhea becoming drug-resistant

A potentially dangerous sexually transmitted disease that infects millions of people each year is growing resistant to drugs and could soon become untreatable, the World Health Organization said Wednesday.

The United Nations' health agency is urging governments and doctors to step up surveillance of antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea, a bacterial infection that can cause inflammation, infertility, pregnancy complications and, in extreme cases, lead to maternal death. Babies born to mothers with gonorrhea have a 50 per cent chance of developing eye infections that can result in blindness.

"In a couple of years it will have become resistant to every treatment option we have available now," said Dr. Manjulay Lusti-Narasimhan, adding the new guidance is aimed at ending complacency about gonorrhea and encouraging researchers to speed up their hunt for a new cure. Once considered a scourge of sailors and soldiers, gonorrhea — known colloquially as the clap — became easily treatable with the discovery of penicillin. Now, it is again the second most common sexually transmitted infection after chlamydia. With 106 million infections annually, it also increases the chances of infection with other diseases, such as HIV. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tourism boost?

Boring and Dull join forces

The town of Boring, Oregon, is now "a pair for the ages" with the Scottish village of Dull.

The Boring Community Planning Organization, which approved the gesture from one oddly-named town to another, hopes the pub licity and sale of Dull and Boring T-shirts will boost tourism.

The Oregonian reports the Boring declaration wishes "continued freedom, successful commerce, safety and prosperity for each community and its residents."

The 72-year-old great-grandson of the town namesake, Bob Boring, said he liked the partnership with Dull. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Apple iPhone drawing new rival: Report

Mobile wars. Windows Phone smartphones to surpass Apple iPhones by 2016, report suggests

A new eyebrow-raising report suggests an underdog in the mobile phone wars is just a few years away from overtaking Apple as the second largest smartphone seller in the world.

Sadly for Research in Motion, it's not the BlackBerry being heralded as a giant killer but Microsoft's Windows Phone platform, which research firm IDC says will surpass Apple's iPhones by 2016.

As of this year, Google's Android platform has the global lead with 61 per cent of the smartphone market, followed by Apple with 20.5 per cent, RIM at six per cent and Windows at 5.2 per cent, according to IDC.

By 2016, IDC sees Android at 52.9 per cent, Windows Phone at 19.2 per cent, Apple at 19 per cent and RIM down just a tenth of a percentage point to 5.9 per cent. The report was encouraging news for Chris Weber, Nokia's president of the North American market, who was in Toronto on Wednesday for the Canadian Telecom Summit.

If Windows Phone is to take off, its fortunes will largely be tied to the success of Nokia, which recently launched a line of competitively priced and well-reviewed smartphones under the Lumia brand.

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Competition

Weber wouldn't put a timeline on when Windows Phone could seriously rival Apple but said Nokia is looking to build off the positive press and user feedback the Lumias have received.

- "My view is there's only a few companies in the world who can do that and I see those today as Microsoft, Apple and Google," Weber said.

Idaho remaining faithful

A law professor in Washington says he can't swallow Idaho's decision not to approve a vodka that makes a cheeky reference to polygamy. Jonathan Turley, a professor at George Washington University, is asking the state to reconsider its ban on Ogden's Own Distillery Five Wives Vodka, pictured above stocked at a state liquor store in Salt Lake City. BRIAN SKOLOFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Survey. Canadians falling deeper in debt

A new bank study suggests the average Canadian household is more than $100,000 in debt and that Canadians have ramped up borrowing in the past five years.

The first annual BMO survey on household debt found that average household debt among Canadians surveyed stands at $112,329, including mortgage, credit card, line of credit and loan debt.

But the bank says so-called good debt like mortgages outweighs less favourable forms of borrowing. While 25 per cent of those surveyed say they are debt-free, 41 per cent say that they have taken on more debt in the past five years as a result of increased spending.

And 54 per cent of respondents said they expect to be debt-free in the next five years.

The survey also found that 70 per cent of Canadians believe they can afford to pay down debt by paying more than the minimum, but one-third appear to be stretched with paying only the minimum amounts.

The report, conducted by Leger Marketing to measure the amount of debt Canadian households are carrying and how it's managed, surveyed 1,507 Canadians in an online poll at the beginning of April.

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Technology

Google unveils new digital maps

Google's digital mapping service will get several new features in hopes of becoming more convenient, comprehensive and compelling as it braces for a potential loss in traffic from Apple's hot-selling mobile devices.

Wednesday's preview of the mapping service's coming attractions seemed timed to blunt the blow from the loss of a prized perch as the built-in navigation service on Apple's iPhone and iPad.

Apple Inc. intends to end its five-year partnership with Google's mobile maps next week when it will unveil its own service, according to recent reports in The Wall Street Journal and the technology blog 9to5.

Brian McClendon, a Google Inc. vice-president who oversees the mapping service, wouldn't directly address reporters' questions about the possible Apple setback. "We will continue to make Google Maps available as widely as possible," he said. Apple Inc. spokeswoman Trudy Muller declined comment Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investigation

Reports suggest six million LinkedIn passwords stolen

Business social network LinkedIn said it is investigating reports that more than six million passwords have been stolen and leaked onto the Internet. While not confirmed by LinkedIn, researchers at U.K. Web security company Sophos say they have confirmed that a file posted online does contain LinkedIn passwords "hashes." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CHANNELLING TV'S FUTURE

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NEWS ITEM: Canadian television will expand by at least two stations this fall, further growing this country's vast TV universe and highlighting the importance of specialty stations. Here's a look at some of the proposed new channels that will soon be on Canadian airwaves:

NHLPA Classic: Just in time for this summer's expected labour dispute, National Hockey League Players' Association Classic brings you the greatest highlights from the 1994-95 and 2004-2005 work stoppages! Relive the greatest compromises and toughest stonewalling! See Goodenow and Bettman one on one! See classic meetings like the nine-hour February 9, 2005, spectacular! See highlight shows like Bettman's Top 10 Attempts at a Smile! "NHLPA Classic: Because it's the Cash."

Fox News Canada: Made by Canadians against Canadians, Fox News Canada provides a fair and balanced look at the pot-smoking, war-avoiding, gay-embracing atheists that make Canada the moral cesspool it is today. Not to be confused with Sun TV, which is patriotic and cheap, Fox News Canada will spend top dollar to let you know that your country sucks. Shows will include The O'Leary and O'Leary Exchange and NDP: Ties to Terror?

Canadian Beauties Corporation: Featuring the best in Canadian exotic dancers from Tracadie to Red Deer, CBC will be equipped with a special "Panic Button" that immediately changes the screen to what appears to be an episode of Mass for Shut-ins.

CanCon

"Gord!, or PBS (Pinsent Broadcasting Station), will have a 100 per cent commitment to the most Canadian of names."

Gord!: According to strict CanCon guidelines, Canadian television is already 65 per cent Gordon-related, but Gord!, or PBS (Pinsent Broadcasting Station), will have a 100 per cent commitment to the most Canadian of names. Gordon Pinsent, Gord Downie, Gordon Sinclair, Gordie Howe — they're all here! Even Gord Stellick! Programming includes And Howe!, Pinsent-a-Go-Go and Star Trek: Gord.

OLN (Obese Loafers Network): Responding to this country's changing attitudes toward fitness, the Obese Loafers Network will appeal to the average Canadian's inner couch potato, which in most cases is hidden under many, many layers of outer couch potato. Home to best-in-class events like the Halifax Lounge-A-Thon and the Boston Pizza-eating Marathon, OLN will be the leader in inaction television.

CPAC Extreme: CPAC Extreme, or CPAC!, is just like normal CPAC, but with crazy angles and kickin' hosts, and the lady in the sign-language bubble is hot, hot, HOT!!! It's your No. 1 destination for parliamentary videos, live performances and more Hansard than you can handle! Go online to get your "hear, hear" ringtone!

And that's where the future of Canadian television lies.

So switch on, tune in and stand proud, Canada. You're a beautiful country that always seems like it might self-destruct at any moment. You were made for television.

Already on board with Gord: Gordon Pinsent, centre, poses with Blue Rodeo's Greg Keelor, left, and Travis Good of the Sadies in April. The trio collaborated on an album based on poems written by Pinsent. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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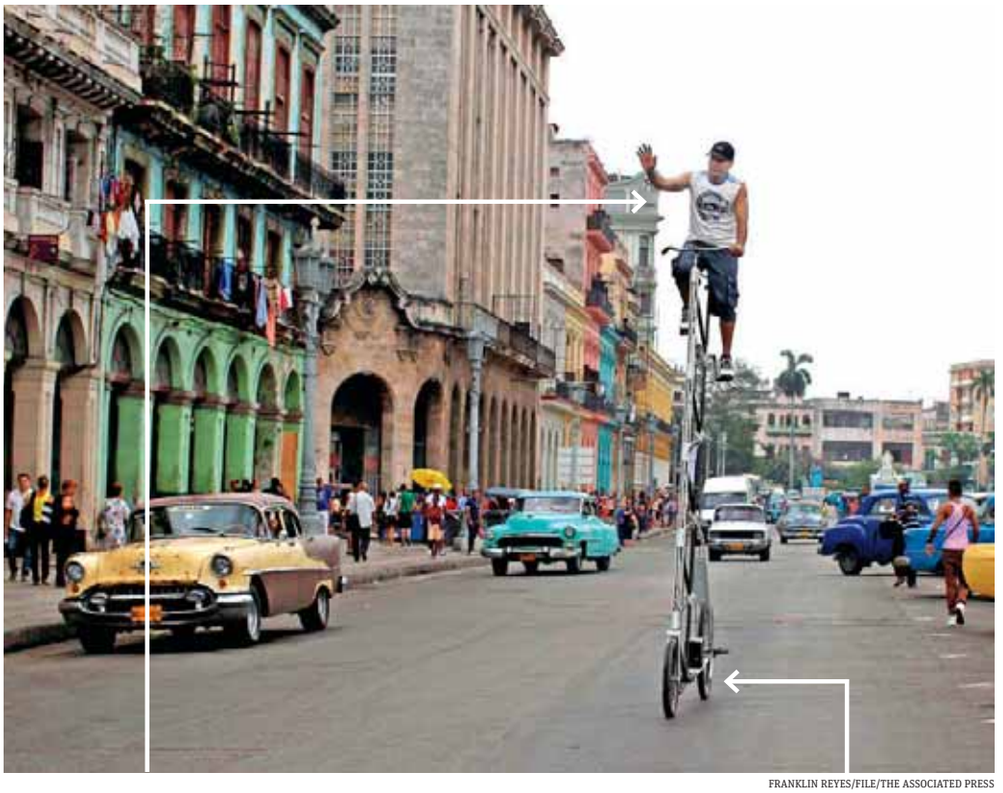

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Upcycling

Bike maker shifts into high gear

Felix Guirola waves to people as he takes his self-made 3.45-metre-tall bicycle for a spin through downtown Havana on May 18.

Guirola has been riding tall since 1983, when seeing a tandem bike inspired him to build up instead of out.

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Climbing aides

Felix Guirola climbs up his tall bike as people help steady it as he prepares to take it for a ride.

- Guirola said his first tall bike measured 1.6 metres high.
- The bikes got progressively taller until five years later he was riding more than three times as high in the air at Ciego de Avila carnivals.

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The height, in metres, of the Cuban's tallest handmade bike.

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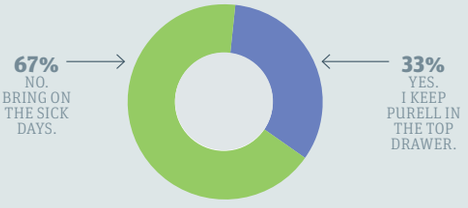

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Britain's favourite baritone gets deep with his music

Concert and classes. Sir Thomas Allen is in Vancouver next week to share his knowledge and voice with the city's opera fans

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It's been a very British week thanks to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. And things are going to get decidedly more English on Monday when Sir Thomas Allen performs his very first Vancouver show as part of this year's Songfire Festival of Song.

Widely admired in operatic circles for his versatility, Allen has been called Britain's favourite baritone and has performed leading roles with the biggest opera houses in the world.

"(He's) the consummate singer," says Rena Sharon, artistic director of the Vancouver International Song Institute.

"He sings straight from the heart of his extraordinary life experience, with warmth, passion and incredible intensity."

And he's here all week!

In addition to the concert, Allen is offering masterclasses for young singers and pianists training at VISI — but if you're interested in the poetry and history of songs, you're in luck — everyone is welcome to attend the sessions.

Tickets for his June 13 concert at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts are $35 through Ticketmaster.ca.

There are a few other events of note happening at this year's festival. Here's a handful of highlights:

Playing with Fire: Duos comprised of singers and pianists perform world premiers created by composer and poet teams from Songfire's Art Song Lab, Friday night at The Orpheum Annex.

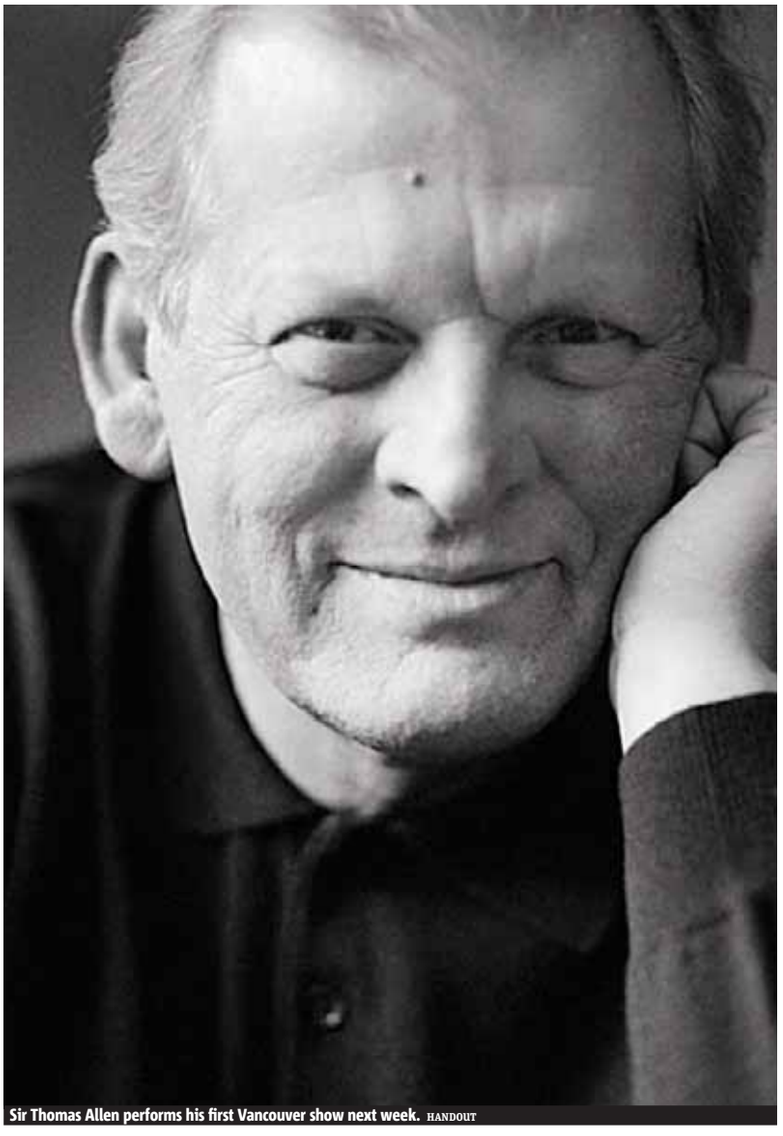
Songs of Here & Now: A selection of works by B.C. composers, including Leslie Uyeda, Lloyd Burrit, Jean Coulthard, and more, Saturday night at UBC's Roy Barnett Recital Hall.

Close Encounters: Vocal chamber and choral music on the North Shore. Featuring special guest performers EnChor, conducted by Diane Loomer. Runs Sunday night at West Vancouver United Church.

Visit Songfire.ca for more information.

Notable

- **Show postponement.** The Gazillion Bubble Show has been pushed back to Nov. 2-4, as Bubble-master Fan Yang will be attempting another Guinness World Record here in September I guess 17 bubble world records isn't enough for Yang. Visit GazillionBubbleShow.ca for more information.
- **Get excited.** Jane's Addiction is coming to Vancouver with guests Big Black Delta, Friday Aug. 31 at Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Tickets to $35 - $75 at LiveNation.com.



Sir Thomas Allen performs his first Vancouver show next week. HANDOUT

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Scene in brief

Bynes charged with DUI

Los Angeles prosecutors have charged actress Amanda Bynes, 26, with driving under the influence roughly two months after authorities say she grazed a sheriff's patrol car in an early morning accident. Bynes was arrested April 6 after authorities say she scraped a patrol car making a turn. The misdemeanour complaint filed Tuesday alleges she refused to take a test at the time that could've determined whether she was drunk or under the influence of drugs. Because of her refusal, authorities may suspend her driver's licence for a year. Bynes appeared in the Nickelodeon series What I Like About You and the film Easy A.

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On the web

Michelle Obama appears on Letterman for a garden-pegged Top 10 list

What it's like to play the New Girl's (sometimes) guy

Q & A. New Girl's Jake Johnson gives us the low down on playing Nick next to Zooey Deschanel

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

A year ago, most people didn't know who Jake Johnson was. Today, men are stopping him in the street to say, "'What the f— k's your problem, dude? That's Zooey Deschanel, dude,'" as Johnson himself tells it. Since getting his big break on the Citytv sitcom New Girl, the 33-year-old has been routinely harassed for his character's wussy behaviour when it comes to his roommate and perennial lust-object Jess (Deschanel). The will-they, won't-they quality of the relationship has drawn so much attention that #NicknadJess became a trending topic on Twitter as the show approached its first season finale.

As Johnson sat down with us to promote his upcoming film Safety Not Guaranteed, co-starring Aubrey Plaza and Mark Duplass, he took some time to analyze the greatest twee-affair of our time.

Metro: So, New Girl. You yell a lot on the show.
Johnson: What I like about playing him is that I don't fully understand him. I know who Jess is. I know who Schmidt is. I'm starting to figure out who Winston is, but I don't know who Nick is and I think it's because — to get all deep and ridiculous — I don't think Nick has any idea who he is. He's wading through the madness of "f— man, I am 30 years old and I have not figured it out and I'm not getting any closer." There's panic and that sucks, so he yells.

What do you know about next season?
Nothing. I don't think they know. I think the reality of our show is that a lot of it exists in between (series creator) Liz Meriwether's ears and she doesn't know yet.

But your character and Zooey Deschanel's seemed to get closer at the end of the season.
For my storyline, I think there was a Nick-Jess thing and then they went really far away from it. But I think that was Liz. I think she didn't want it for a while. She thought at the beginning, that it was turning too Nick-Jess. And she was like, "I don't want this to be a relationship show." But then I think she went in her own mental evolution of it, I think she was like, "well, I want those characters to be together a little bit more." And so at the end of the season, they got really back together. People say, "Oh, I know exactly where the show's going. It's going to be this by season four." But I talk to Liz on a regular basis. We're friends. She doesn't have all the answers.

Where do you want to see those characters go?
I had times with Nick where I was like, "Eh, I don't like this guy." I know what he does. I enjoy playing him, but like, stop crying. Stop being so nasty. And that was the beginning of "this dude is way weirder than I imagined." And I like weird people, so I was like, "OK, OK, you're going to get weirdsies aren't you pal?"

Do you think Jess and Nick could work as a couple?
They don't get along great, so in my opinion, they're more of a Sam and Diane from Cheers where everything about Sam and Diane, they were opposites.

Zooey Deschanel and Jake Johnson star in the sitcom New Girl. HANDOUT

Nick is a realist going towards pessimism, not infatuated with the world, does not think sparkles cure everything, does not sing and dance through life. And Jess is, and they're both a little bit too far in one direction.

Well thanks for theorizing with us. Can't wait to see the next season!
It's still really new enough for me that it's interesting for me too, on my end and I don't feel ownership of it, so I wouldn't be having this talk if I was the writer, where I'd be like "I'm so interesting, how I'm doing this." I'm just a fan like everyone else.

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Allure of Cronenberg's intimidating, poetic script is what drew Pattinson in

Cosmopolis. British star explains what it was like playing billionaire Eric Packer, a role he's won praise for

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When David Cronenberg wrote the Cosmopolis script he transcribed much of the dialogue directly from Don DeLillo's densely written novel. Those pages of complicated, lyrical conversation attracted the film's star, Robert Pattinson.

"I liked the poetry of this script when I first read it," he said. "My only idea was that it was really different to anything I had ever done and I thought I couldn't do it. That stuck to me afterwards and I thought that should be the way to choose projects, or which projects to go after — the ones you don't understand, or the ones you are scared of. That generally means you'll end up being better afterwards."

The script was so finely tuned that barely a word was changed during the shoot. The 26-year-old Twilight star says he is used to script changes on other movies, but a modification to a line about a gun on the Cosmopolis set jarred his pacing.

"I remember the line was about the attachment above the trigger guard," he says. "But there was no attachment above the trigger guard (on the prop gun). I was so used to the rhythms of everything and suddenly it changed the rhythm of the entire scene. We were doing page-and-a-half long sequences and it was so in my head that to suddenly change it on the day threw me."

He's been winning praise for his strange, otherworldly performance as billionaire money manager Eric Packer, but don't suggest he delved deep into his own psyche to create the man we see on screen.

Robert Pattinson says playing Eric Packer was really different from anything he'd done in the past. HANDOUT

He says the perception is that actors have "to be psychoanalysts," but that's just from the '50s. Before that actors only thought about their face, and their voice and their movement.

"I think that's one of the things I have come away from this movie with, in terms of acting in general. You don't need to analyze things that much. You don't need to understand it."

It's a complicated film, bursting with ideas and one very much open to interpretation and debate, but Pattinson would prefer to leave the psychological heavy lifting to the audience. "I'm not a post modernist scholar," he says. Instead he remembers what drew him to the project in the first place — the dialogue.

"I like saying it," he says. "When I see clips I want to say the lines again. It's like eating."

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John Mayer is finally humiliated

With a new album coming out, John Mayer had been trying to play nice in the media — but he's got his foot back in his smug little mouth again after an interview with Rolling Stone in which he whines about ex-girlfriend Taylor Swift's song about their split, Dear John.

He calls the hit "humiliating," taking issue with the then 20-year-old's "cheap songwriting." "It's abusing your talent to rub your hands together and go, 'Wait till he gets a load of this!' That's bulls—."

Dude: Either un-write Your Body is a Wonderland, or stop talking right now.

Lady Gaga

Elton John wants Gaga to eat more

Elton John is worried about Lady Gaga.

"She is frail, and she doesn't eat when she should, and she's a girl, and it's tougher for a girl," John tells the Guardian in an interview.

"She works really hard. She will be in Denmark one night and Saudi Arabia the next. I know how tiny she is and I do worry about her, yes."

And John, who tapped Gaga to be the godmother to his 1-year-old son, isn't the only one concerned, he says: "I look at Gaga and I think, 'How does she do it?' I talk to her mom and dad about it. They worry."

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Why did Miley Cyrus want a ring on it?

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Although she's been rocking a sizable diamond on her left hand all spring, yesterday Miley Cyrus confirmed that she's engaged to actor Liam Hemsworth.

"I'm happy to share this news with you all. I feel like all my dreams are coming true," the 19-year-old tweeted yesterday.

The news comes after Cyrus took a break from recording and acting to spend time with Hemsworth, 22, and do uncomfortable interviews about their sex life.

Now, why would a 19-year-old who is not pregnant or struggling with rent money get married?

Good question.

At first, we were worried good old-fashioned love still existed and had been listening this whole time, but it's not quite that simple.

You see, these two met on the set of The Last Song, a 2010 drama based on a novel by Nicholas Sparks — the same Nicholas Sparks who penned the most graphic of emotional girl porn, The Notebook.

At least she fell in rapid zombie love with a cute Australian actor and not the creepy guy sweeping up popcorn.

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Summer wedding for Brangelina?

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are going to have a summer wedding, according to E! News.

"Word on the street is that Brad and Angie will make it official late this summer," Ryan Seacrest announced on his radio show, quoting E! News correspondent Ken Baker. Speculation still puts the location of the famous couple's nuptials at their estate in the South of France.

McCarthy's son still misses Jim Carrey

Jenny McCarthy says the hardest part of her split from Jim Carrey has been how attached her autistic son, Evan, had gotten to the actor.

"I've tried to ask (Jim) numerous times (to see Evan), because my son still asks," McCarthy tells Howard Stern in an interview.

"I tell (Evan) that someday you'll cross paths, meet again, (but) it's hard. He's been in therapy. It's a process, he's working on it."

But McCarthy, who lets Evan watch Carrey's films, still thinks breaking up with Carrey was a good idea: "Jim's a dark guy," she says.

Jenny McCarthy

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Fashion Flash

Anchorage, Alaska wins Worst Dressed title

Anchorage residents are apparently not dressing to impress. That's the upshot of Travel and Leisure Magazine's reader poll, which put the residents of Alaska's largest city at the bottom when it comes to being on the top of style. The magazine ran an online poll asking readers to rank 35 American cities on such things as best nightlife, best burgers, best New Year's Eve celebrations, etc. By a three-tenths of a point, Anchorage landed just below Salt Lake City for having the worst-dressed residents. "I think it's a little ridiculous, to be honest," said Hillary Walker, the assistant manager at lulu e. bebe fashion boutique in Anchorage. "I think dressing well is about feeling comfortable, experimenting, expressing yourself through your clothing. I think people in Anchorage do a great job with that."

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On the Web

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen named best womenswear fashion designers

California-based designer Trina Turk PROVIDED

Banana peels off layers, slips into summer

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Fashion's princess of poolside helps brighten up brand

HEATHER BUCHAN
Metro News

Her bold use of colours, graphic patterns and classic silhouettes are favoured by the likes of Hollywood starlets Kristen Bell and Leighton Meester. And this summer the rest of us can add a coveted Trina Turk piece or two to our wardrobes without breaking the bank, thanks to a partnership between the California designer and Banana Republic.

The result is a limited-edition summer capsule collection, made up of nearly 60 pieces (think flirty dresses and printed tunics) embodies the laid back yet chic southern California resort esthetic captured in Turk's design philosophy.

Here, the fashion doyenne shares some sage summer fashion advice:

What colours should women incorporate into their wardrobe to stay on trend this summer?
Summer is an opportunity to lighten up and wear colour. I'm definitely expecting to see orange and turquoise as two of the top colours. I also love the combination black and white prints mixed with bright coloured tops or bottoms.

What should women who are self-conscious about baring their arms and legs wear during warm weather?
Bringing in a fun printed maxi dress or lightweight blouse in bright colours or a graphic print allows you to celebrate the ease and sophistication of summer with pieces most flattering to your silhouette. The three-quarter sleeve Wren blouse in the Pisces print and the black and white zazzy zebra printed tunic top are done in lightweight fabrics that work well in the heat of summer.

Do you follow any fashion rules? If so, can you share a few?
The most important fashion rule is to figure out the silhouettes that flatter your body type and stick with them. Some trends will be great for you, others not. You don't have to jump on every trend bandwagon that comes along.

If someone could only buy two items from your capsule collection which ones would you recommend and why?
You definitely want to get at least one dress and one accessory piece. There are six great dresses in a variety of styles, prints and colours. If I had to pick one it would be the one-shoulder "Chai" dress that we did in the blue Coachella print.

My favourite accessory of this collection is the enamel bangle that comes in several great colour combinations.

Sunny silhouettes

"I love mixing drapey fabrication with more tailored pieces."
Designer Trina Turk

Top 3

Trina Turk's Summer Essentials

She loves the versatility of a bold printed dress, a bright tailored pair of shorts and breezy blouses.

"They can take you from poolside to cocktail parties to city soirees throughout the summer months," says Turk.

Beauty and the beach

Wide Bangle
$55, bananarepublic.ca

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Tote
$175, bananarepublic.ca

Canadian supermodel Coco Rocha lounges in a piece from Banana Republic by Trina Turk. PROVIDED

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Ottawa

Joel Bedford
Photographer
Age: 34

What he's wearing:
ASOS sunglasses, Gap chambray shirt, Obey black jeans

His inspiration:
"I really like Ryan Gosling's style, so I guess my style is a bit inspired by that. This morning, I woke up late, that's my inspiration behind this outfit: panic."

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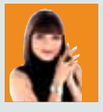

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I'm all about Kate! She's gorgeous and stylish but not over the top

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The lowly tea towel has become the stuff of graphic design and fashion-files.
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8 Tea towels that are hipster-approved

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A guide to Pairing Wine with Food tea towel pair
stuartgardiner.co.uk

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John Dilnot allo-allo tea towel
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Sabrina shares her stylish tricks

Decor diva. HGTV star Sabrina Soto helps readers take their homes from 'being OK to absolutely fabulous'

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Even if your design aesthetic currently means your college futon coexists with your great aunt's coffee table, there are ways to pull a room together stylishly.

Just ask HGTV star Sabrina Soto, whose new book, Home Design, gives the low-down on layering to get a room's flavour just right. Here, she walks through the finishing touches that give any space extra pizzazz.

The right accent pieces

"I think accessorizing can take a room from being OK to absolutely fabulous," Soto says.

"It's about making the right decisions when accessorizing. You want pops of colour, you want different textures, you want interesting pieces that tell your story, but you don't want to overdo it."

Her two rules for polishing a room like a pro?

"I always like to accessorize in odd numbers, and I never like to use things smaller than a grapefruit. I think too many little knickknacks become clutter."

The right lighting

Soto says it's the most important aspect of design — and sorry: overhead bulbs aren't gonna cut it. She suggests "two, maybe even three, artificial forms of light per room," even in small rooms.

"Lighting really does make or break a room, whether it's a sconce, chandelier, recess lighting, even table lamps. You want to have enough light in a room to balance a space."

The right fabrics

This covers everything from your window treatments to your couch's upholstery to the pillows on top of it. Find a balance, Soto suggests, and feel free to ditch the matchy-matchy look.

"It's about mixing up prints but making sure that at the end of the day they still tell a nice story," she says. And yes, you can mix prints!

"There's no specific rules, but you just want to make sure that the colours play well with each other. If you have two prints next to each other, you still want them still to have the same shades of colours. It's like clothes."

To work around a clunky radiator

"Put a floating shelf on top of it and use it as a table. You could get a floating shelf at Ikea or Target for nothing. And I usually like to have it blend in with the wall, so I'll paint it the exact same colour, but you just want to make sure to use high-heat paint."

Sabrina Soto, author of Home Design

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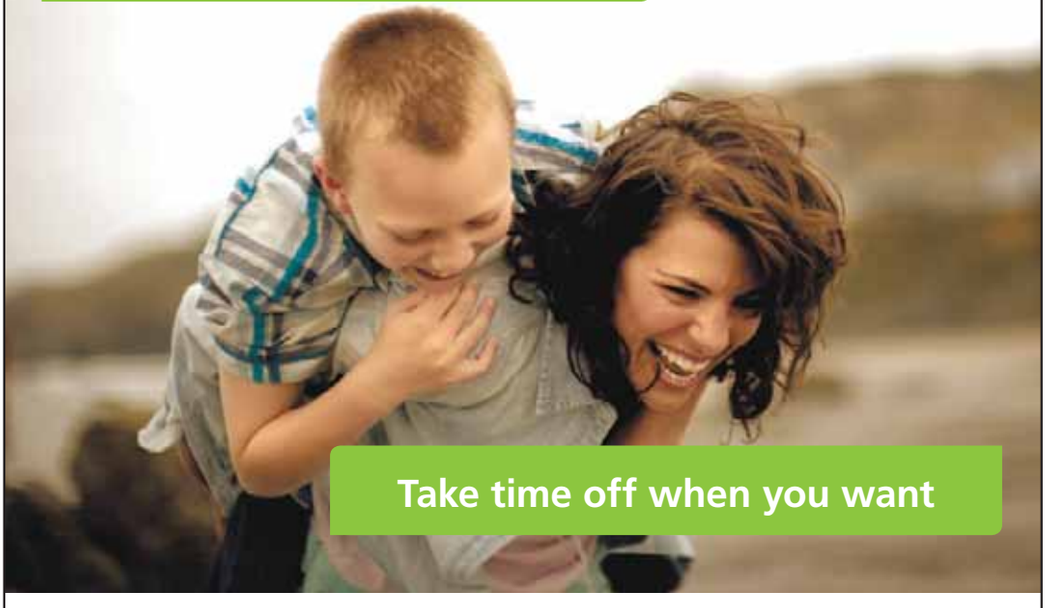

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Has the dust already settled? A few tips for showing it out

A clean casa. Fighting dust is about more than esthetics — some tips for taking control

Once a week, Diane Foernssler takes arms against the dust that invades her Darien, Ill., home, using everything from the vacuum cleaner to a special mop for blinds and baseboards.

On those other six days, however, the dust wins.

"It's everywhere and it never goes away," says Foernssler, a fitness trainer and mother of two. "It's a losing battle."

Unfortunately, she's right.

Experts say dust's constant accumulation on all those books, clothes and knickknacks has nothing to do with poor housekeeping. It's a naturally and continually forming collection of some pretty gross stuff.

"It has nothing to do with being dirty," says Dr. William Berger, a Mission Viejo, Calif., allergist and author of Asthma and Allergies for Dummies. "You can leave your house closed for two or three weeks and come back and there will be dust."

A whole lot of it. According to Berger, the average six-room home in the United States collects 40 pounds of dust each year.

The main contributors to all that indoor dust are microscopic dust mites; the breakdown of fibres from household fabrics and furniture; and human and animal dander (the nice name for skin flakes).

The dust mites, which have a taste for human skin, come in "countless numbers" in your bedding alone, let alone other spots around the house, Berger said. Getting rid of them is impossible; Females lay 20 to 50 eggs every three weeks.

Dust and dust mites are a large part of "indoor air pollution," a leading environmental health risk — primarily because people spend about 90 per cent of their time indoors, according to Molly Hooven, a spokeswoman for the Environmental Protection Agency. Dust and dust mites can trigger asthma attacks and allergies.

There are, therefore, reasons for keeping dust to a minimum that are far more important than maintaining appearances, the spokesperson says.

So while eradicating dust altogether may be a pipe dream, there are steps you can take to mitigate its accumulation in your home (see fact box on the right). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dust off your cleaning routine

Some steps to mitigate dust accumulation in your home:

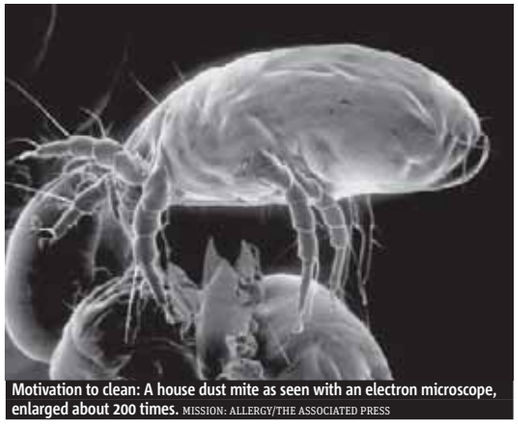
- **Get rid of all that stuff.** "The more clutter there is the more dust there is," Berger says. Things like books, clothing and toys such as stuffed animals are prime collectors of dust, he says.
- **Focus on bedrooms.** "The bedroom should be as bare as possible," Berger says. That means having an uncarpeted floor, minimal furniture and only the current season's clothes in the closet. Encase mattresses, box springs and pillows in allergy-proof covers.
- **For walls.** Use paint that can be cleaned with water. Go for HEPA (High-Efficiency Particulate Arresting) air filters. A vacuum and a can of Endust give at least temporary relief, Berger says.
- **Keep cool.** Berger recommends air conditioning over fans, which simply blow dust around. (Remember to change air-conditioner filters.)

A never-ending battle

"We do everything. But you'll never get rid of dust."

Jack DiBiccari, a New Rochelle, N.Y., contractor

Try to avoid letting dust get to this stage. ISTOCK IMAGES



Motivation to clean: A house dust mite as seen with an electron microscope, enlarged about 200 times. MISSION: ALLERGY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Simple tile-ish pleasures

Shiny and pretty. With so many options, the toughest thing about tile is deciding which one to use

Be sure to go with something you'll love for many years. ISTOCK IMAGES

Choosing tile for your home once meant picking from among a handful of pastel ceramic squares. Would it be dusty pink or dusty blue? If you were feeling bold, maybe mint green or pale yellow?

Today, we're surrounded — some might say overwhelmed — by choices.

Porcelain tile is now made to realistically look like everything from aged wood and rough fieldstones to sleek Italian marble. Tiles made of glass, cork, mirror and even leather are taking the place of traditional ceramics. In all shapes and sizes, they are being used not just in kitchens and baths, but also in entryways, mudrooms and more.

High style can be had for an increasingly reasonable cost, with mass-market retailers offering trendy glass tile for as little as a few dollars per square foot.

Amid all these possibilities, the biggest challenge is to choose something you'll continue loving for a decade or more.

"There's so much decorative tile out there now," says Matthew Quinn, principal of Design Galleria Kitchen and Bath Studio in Atlanta. But "some of it," he says, "you can just tell in three or four years this is not something you're going to want to see every day."

Here, Quinn and interior designers Brian Patrick Flynn and Mallory Mathison share ideas on embracing tile's new possibilities while still creating a timeless effect.

Floor to ceiling

All three designers are fans of using tile all the way up to the ceiling, rather than the more old-fashioned approach of doing partial tile walls with a snub-nosed edge.

"It makes the entire room more cohesive, and it can also give the illusion that a space is larger than it actually is," says Flynn.

"One of the easiest ways to shrink a room visually is by chopping it up; many times, for me, tile used in just one area quickly chops up a space."

Flynn has done kitchen walls in floor-to-ceiling tile, and Mathison recommends tiling a single wall from top to bottom in an entryway for a striking effect.

"You think of tile more in utilitarian applications," she says, "but it can be a beautiful accent." A full wall of tortoiseshell mosaic tile, she says, feels "almost like your whole wall is covered in jewelry."

Beyond ceramics

Flynn loves using tiles made of "unexpected materials, such as leather, cork and wood. Leather tiles can be used on walls and ceilings, but in lower-traffic areas. Cork is a dream because it helps soundproof a space, plus it offers a really warm, organic texture instead of the sleek ceramic surfaces we're used to seeing."

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Glass tile is en vogue

- **Translucent.** Mathison sometimes uses it in smaller bathrooms: "Your eye kind of looks through it, so it doesn't create a boundary," she says. "It's an almost limitless look" that can make a small shower area feel larger.
- **Try this.** One fresh option is "using extra-large, extra-wide, back-painted glass panels on walls," rather than small glass tiles, "to bring contemporary architectural interest into a space."

Don't do-it-yourself

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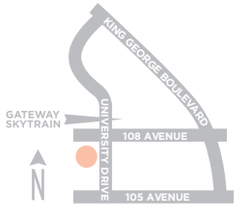

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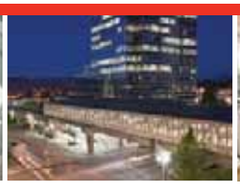

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Painted personalities

Decor ideas. Ever wonder what message the colour of your front door sends?

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Colour is a powerful way to send messages, whether on the clothing we wear, the furnishings and decor we choose or the colour we paint our front door. Since that entranceway is the welcome entry into our homes, choosing the right colour is a way to welcome company and to tell people a little bit about ourselves.

With that in mind, here's a few trending colours, what they say about you and where you should live if you like a particular colour.

Red
Gives a punch that says you have energy, passion and presence. A great colour to ward off potential break-ins, but not so great in a quiet, gated community.

Orange
You are not extravagant and rather frugal. You are an attention seeker but a very warm and exciting person. Great for a community/neighbourhood counsellor or leader.

Black
Likely, you are serious, traditional and strong; someone with substance lives inside your house. But black can also mean mourning, old and death. It's the perfect colour for downtown or stately living.

Green
You are a promoter of good health and good luck, but green can also mean jealousy. Great for young families as it also indicates fertility and stress-free living. Good colour for a farm or country house.

Brown
You like isolation and privacy when you're home. It also indicates you are reliable. Brown is a great colour for living in a high-density townhouse or a condo.

Yellow
You are cautious and careful. But yellow can also stir anger and frustration as it fatigues the eye due to the amount of light it reflects. It's great for family homes with young school children.

Purple
You are the emotional type. Wealth, wisdom, exotic and artificial are other words that describe the colour purple. Good for an older person.

Blue
You are secure, safe and trustworthy. Blue can evoke sadness and aloofness and is the colour of weight loss. Good colour for a single person looking for a mate.

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Three things to consider:

1. The garage door, siding or window trims are never painted the same colour as the front door.
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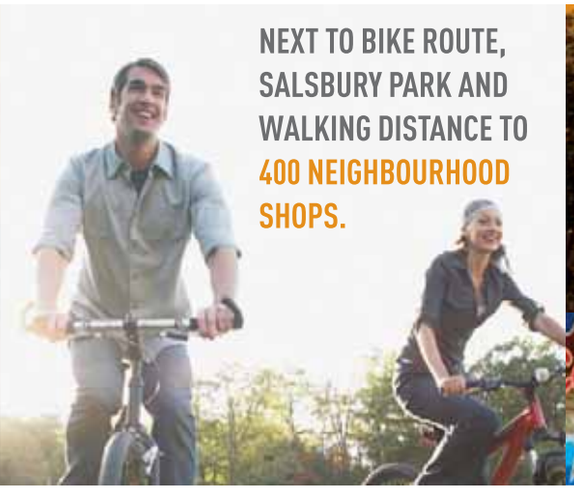

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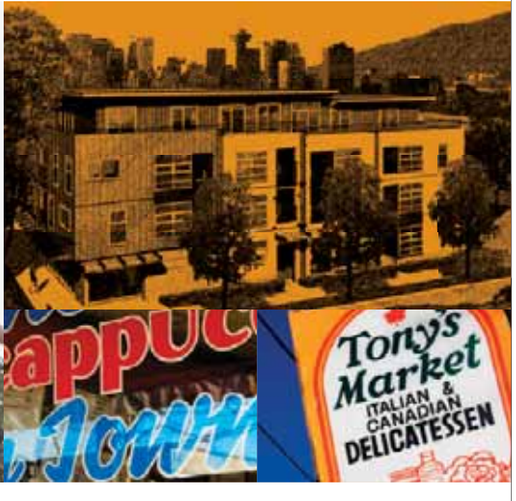

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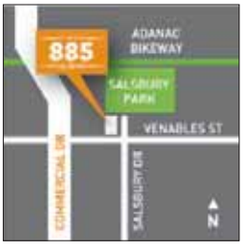

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Add some Mexican-flavoured gobble gobble to your tacos

A classic Mexican spice mix of cumin, oregano and chili is combined in a paste and used to coat the turkey before it goes on the grill. Topped with slaw, these tacos taste like the kind you would find in taquerias.

1. In a resealable bag, combine cumin, oregano, chili powder, salt, oil, cilantro, rubbing to make paste. Add turkey and shake to coat. Let sit 30 mins.

2. In another bag, combine onion, carrots, jalapenos, vinegar, sugar and salt. Let sit at room temperature 30 mins, tossing.

3. Grill turkey over medium-high heat unti cooked through, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to cutting board and let rest for 5 minutes before slicing.

4. Toss carrot mixture with cabbage. Divide turkey and cabbage among warmed grilled tortillas. Garnish with cilantro and avocado and serve with lime wedges and coarse salt.

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This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H.O

Ingredients

- 5 ml (1 tsp) each ground cumin, oregano, chili powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) sea salt
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cilantro
- 500 g (1 lb) boneless skinless turkey fillets
- 1/2 small red onion, sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 jalapenos, sliced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cider vinegar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sugar
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 500 ml (2 cups) shredded cabbage
- 8 flour tortillas (15 cm/6 inches diameter)
- Garnishes: cilantro sprigs, lime wedges, avocado slices

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1. In a bowl, combine turkey with baking soda, cornstarch and soy sauce. Stir to ensure all the turkey is coated. Let sit for 10 minutes.

2. In skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and brown turkey pieces. Transfer to plate. Stir garlic chili sauce into the same skillet until fragrant, 30 seconds. Stir in ginger for 30 seconds. Add onion and cook until softened, 3 mins. Add mushrooms, stirring often, until golden and lightly softened, about 2 minutes.

3. Pour in broth, scraping any brown bits from pan. Add asparagus, turkey with any accumulated juices and hoisin; stir to combine. Cover, reduce heat to simmer and cook for 3 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink inside, asparagus is tender crisp and the sauce has slightly thickened. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ MAKEITSUPE.CA/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

Ingredients

- 500 g (1 lb) boneless, skinless turkey breast,in strips
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each baking soda and cornstarch
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) soy sauce
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vegetable oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) garlic chili sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) grated fresh peeled ginger root
- 1 onion, sliced
- 500 ml (2 cups) sliced shiitake mushroom caps
- 250 ml (1 cup) turkey broth
- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped asparagus
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) hoisin sauce

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NBA

Thunder punch ticket to finals

Kevin Durant had 34 points and 14 rebounds while playing all of regulation for the first time all season, and the Oklahoma City Thunder claimed a spot in the NBA finals by beating the San Antonio Spurs 107-99 on Wednesday night.

Russell Westbrook added 25 points for the Thunder, who trailed Game 6 of the Western Conference finals by 18 in the first half and erased a 15-point halftime deficit before pulling ahead to stay in the fourth.

Durant grabbed the final rebound, dribbled the ball across halfcourt and raised his right fist to celebrate with a sold-out crowd.

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Kevin Durant
GETTY IMAGES

NHL

GM Tambellini sticking around in Edmonton

The Edmonton Oilers and general manager Steve Tambellini have agreed on a contract extension.

Tambellini has been GM of the team since 2008.

He's currently looking for a new head coach. Tom Renney's contract wasn't renewed after the season.

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New Jersey's Patrik Elias scores Game 4's first goal on Wednesday in Los Angeles. MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Devils refuse to bow out of final without a fight

NHL. New Jersey pushes back to avoid sweep and spoil Los Angeles' Stanley Cup party at Staples Center

Put the coronation on hold.

The Los Angeles Kings will have to wait at least three more days for another shot at becoming true hockey royalty after Adam Henrique kept New Jersey alive in the Stanley Cup final. His late goal secured a 3-1 victory for the Devils in Game 4 on Wednesday.

Game 4

Devils	Kings
3	1

The New Jersey rookie, who scored in overtime to end the Eastern Conference final, showed poise in kicking the puck up to his stick before beating Jonathan Quick high at 15:29 of the third period.

"It seemed to come off my skate pretty nice, right on the tape. I knew it came all the way across the ice," Henrique said. "I knew (Quick) was going to have to come a long way to make the save if I was going to get up short-sided."

That forced cup keepers Phil Pritchard and Craig Campbell to put the trophy back in its case. Game 5 of the final goes Saturday at Prudential Center in Newark, N.J.

"We finally got rewarded," said Devils coach Peter DeBoer. "Like I said, I've liked our game and our effort the last three games. We just haven't found a way to win until tonight. So hopefully that gets the ball rolling."

Until the late winner, this series had the feel of a sweep. Fans came ready to celebrate what would have been the first championship for the Kings in their 45-year history and there was every reason to believe they'd deliver after methodically storming through the playoffs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

43

The resilient Devils wouldn't be denied in Game 4 and kept alive a streak of 43 straight playoff series in which the franchise has never been swept.

Soviet great Krutov dies at age 52

Vladimir Krutov battles against Germany during the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. MIKE POWELL/GETTY IMAGES

Vladimir Krutov, one of the Soviet Union's all-time great hockey players and part of the national team's formidable KLM Line, has died. He was 52.

The Russian Hockey Federation said Krutov died Wednesday. It did not give a cause of death, but the ITAR-Tass news agency said he had been taken to a hospital several days earlier for stomach bleeding.

"Volodya was such a dependable and steadfast man that I would have gone anywhere with him — to war, to espionage, into peril," federation president and former Soviet goaltender Vladislav Tretiak told the Sport-Express newspaper.

Born in Moscow, Krutov gathered attention for his play with a local factory team and was then invited to the hockey school of the CSKA Moscow club. He played with the team between 1978-89.

Krutov and his CSKA teammates Igor Larionov and Sergei Makarov formed one of the most potent scoring lines ever, and led the Soviet team to gold in the 1984 and 1988 Olympics. He was also part of the team that lost to the United States at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics and won five world championship titles in the 1980s.

He was one of the first Soviets to play in the NHL, but spent only one season with the Vancouver Canucks.

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Quoted

"There are fewer and fewer guys like him in every generation of hockey players."

Vladislav Tretiak on Vladimir Krutov.

4 SPORTS

Horse racing

I'll Have Another draws post No. 11

Canadian-owned I'll Have Another will go for the Triple Crown from post No. 11 in the 12-horse Belmont Stakes field Saturday. Paul Reddam's horse has been installed as the 4-5 morning-line favourite, the first time in his eight-race career that he has held top spot in the odds. Team Reddam was happy with Wednesday's draw at Belmont Park.

"Being in the 11 hole, we're able to kind of see how the pace sets up," trainer Doug O'Neill said. "If they're crawling, we'll be hopefully leading the crawl. And if they're flying, we'll be sitting in behind the horse flying."

I'll Have Another started in the No. 19 spot in the 20-horse Kentucky Derby and No. 9 in the 11-horse Preakness.

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Mobile news

Brian McNamee, Roger Clemens' former strength coach, testified in Clemens' perjury trial last month that because of his wife's complaining, he saved medical waste from a steroids injection of Clemens in 2001. But Eileen McNamee testified Wednesday that her estranged husband said he was saving things for his "protection." Scan the code for the story.

Euro 2012 players told to 'go out and entertain us'

Spain's Juan Mata, front, kicks the ball near his teammates during a training session Wednesday in Gniewino, Poland. ALVARO BARRIENTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer. UEFA president hopes scrutiny can finally shift from host nations to the matches on field

Now, finally, UEFA president Michel Platini wants the players to take centre stage when the European Championship kicks off on Friday.

Soccer has almost been ignored during a turbulent five years for Poland and Ukraine as they sought to vindicate UEFA's decision to take its showpiece 16-nation tournament to eastern Europe.

Now the former France great, who captained and coached his country, wants the teams to seize the headlines.

"I say to the players, 'Go out and entertain us,'" Platini said on Wednesday. He spoke at the National Stadium in Warsaw — one of many rebuilding projects delivered behind schedule — where Poland will open Euro 2012 against 2004 champion Greece.

"What I would like now after (five) years of work, is to be able to calmly watch the games, to give the ball over to the players and let them get on with it," said Platini, who lifted the trophy in 1984.

The potential storylines are rich and deep for arguably the best international tournament.

Can World Cup winner Spain become the first nation to successfully defend its European title, and further define an era of Barcelona-inspired greatness?

Will a still-young Germany team overcome the Spain-shaped obstacle that keeps blocking its title runs?

Can the Netherlands rediscover its "Total Football" roots and reconnect with neutral fans dismayed by its negative, aggressive tactics that marred the 2010 World Cup final loss to Spain.

Platini echoes the popular wisdom that two favourites stand above the rest.

"These are Germany and Spain if they play at 100 per cent of their level," Platini told reporters. "If they don't, there are a lot of teams which can beat them." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Racism response

- Platini promised that referees will stop European Championship matches if players suffer abuse from fans, as questions on racism in Poland and Ukraine dominated a news conference Wednesday to launch the tournament.
- Platini said UEFA has empowered referees to "temporarily stop the game and finally cancel the game if this racism keeps rearing its head."

For more Euro 2012 coverage, go to metronews.ca/features.

World Cup

Canada enters historically tough qualifying phase

As one of the veterans of Canada's men's soccer team, Dwayne De Rosario would obviously love to play in a World Cup before he calls it a career.

The 34-year-old from Toronto spoke of not letting an opportunity slip away two days before Canada opens its next phase of qualifying at Cuba.

"You never know when it will be your last chance," De Rosario said at BMO Field on Wednesday.

The 77th-ranked Canadians play No. 145 Cuba in Havana on Friday. Canada failed to survive this stage for the 2010 cup after picking up just two of nine possible points at home and losing all three games on the road. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dwayne De Rosario
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tennis. Sharapova loving life at Roland Garros

Maria Sharapova celebrates Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Whether she's enjoying a café lunch, shopping on the Champs-Elysées or notching another victory on the soft red clay, Maria Sharapova sure enjoys these trips to the French Open.

"What girl doesn't love Paris?" she said.

Two more wins and she'll love it even more.

Sharapova moved another step closer to filling in the last piece of the career Grand Slam, defeating Kaia Kanepi 6-2, 6-3 on Wednesday to reach the semifinals at Roland Garros.

The second-seeded Sharapova rolled through her 23rd-seeded opponent in 74 minutes.

"I'm happy with the way I improved in this match," Sharapova said.

Her next opponent will be No. 4 seed Petra Kvitova, the Wimbledon champion who ended 142nd-ranked Yaroslava Shvedova's upset-filled run with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory. Sharapova leads their all-time series 3-2. Kvitova beat Sharapova in last year's Wimbledon final, while Sharapova won the most recent match earlier this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Crossword

Across

1 Cushiony
5 "See ya!"
8 Staffer
12 "The Cosby Show" son
13 "A mouse!"
14 "American —"
15 BB gun
17 Stagger
18 "— voyage!"
19 Wire measure
20 Practices boxing
21 Suitable
22 Greet the villain
23 Lisa Marie's dad
26 Scrap
30 "Cheers" offering
31 Embrace
32 Cattle
33 Overwhelmed with wonder
35 Macho type
36 Eg. and Syr., once
37 Lustrous black
38 Parsley piece
41 Each
42 Obtain
45 Owl's call
46 Cager's attempts that aren't even close
48 Actress Jessica
49 Squid squirt
50 Arizona city
51 No stay-at-home
52 Do brickwork
53 Juror, in theory

Down

1 Impale
2 Columbus' home
3 Flowerless plant
4 Anderson's "High —"
5 Suit
6 Holler
7 Supplement, with "out"
8 Localized downdraft
9 Notion
10 Busy one
11 Right angles
16 Satan's minions
20 Brillo rival
21 Imaginary tool
22 Ginormous
23 Recede
24 Actor McKern
25 Be a couch potato
26 Flop
27 Intention
28 Genetics abbr.
29 Lair
31 Yon maiden
34 Trail the pack
35 KFC additive
37 Moving in fits and starts
38 Carpet type
39 Horse play?
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42 Mirth
43 Otherwise
44 Despot
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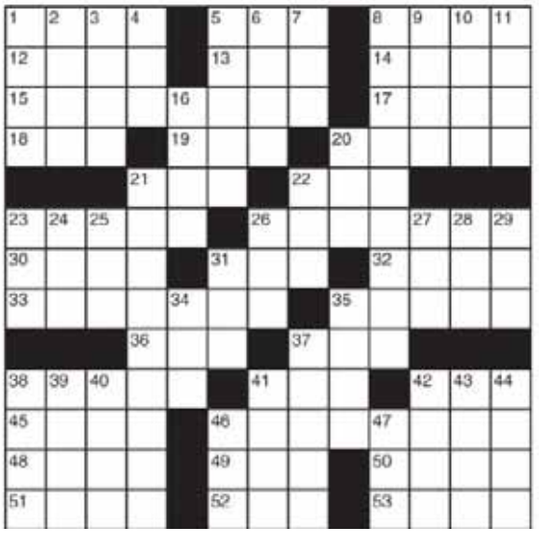
47 Rock concert need



Sudoku

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		2						
	1			9		6		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	6	2	1	3	5	7	8	9
7	3	1	8	9	2	4	6	5
8	5	9	7	6	4	3	2	1
3	9	7	2	8	1	5	4	6
1	2	4	9	5	6	8	7	3
5	8	6	4	7	3	1	9	2
6	4	8	5	1	9	2	3	7
2	1	3	6	4	7	9	5	8
9	7	5	3	2	8	6	1	4

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

CUBV L CXHJ ROFXVM XW LGROF FR RQQOE, QROHJ NRO WLN FULF CROHJ GB L DBVJXVM WDEBB?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A GUY IS RESTING HIS BARE FEET ON A BARROOM SEAT, YOU MIGHT FIND YOURSELF A TOED STOOL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals T

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. If you think too much about the past today, you must refocus your thoughts on all the good things you still have to look forward to.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You want to be free, you want to be able to come and go as you please, and you have every right to do so. Do only what makes you feel good.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. No matter how difficult a task may look, the planets suggest that if you give it your best shot, you will make a success of it. Don't doubt yourself.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Stop and don't start moving again until you know what you are aiming for. It should be easier now that Mercury, planet of the mind, is moving into your sign.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You will meet someone today who, if you impress them enough, can help you realize your dreams. The only problem is the nagging doubt that you might not be up to the task.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you were hoping that other people would share in your positive attitude today, you may be disappointed.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You don't have to give up on your beliefs and ideals but you do have to realize that other people sometimes see things differently to you.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Go your own way, do your own thing and ignore the avalanche of disapproval that is sure to come your way. Most likely they are jealous of your ability to come and go as you please.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Jupiter, planet of luck, is smiling on you now. You have to smile back if you want good things to happen.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. The only thing that might hold you back today is a nagging feeling that in some areas you are not up to competing with the movers and shakers you are rubbing shoulders with. Nonsense!

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If you need to make changes to your routine then now is the time to get serious about it.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You enjoy an occasional change of scene, so make the most of good aspects to the travel area of your chart to get out and about more.

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14kt white gold slide pendant featuring 5 princess cut diamonds (0.64 cttw) surrounded by 29 full-cut diamonds (0.36 cttw) with 14kt white gold 18" modified fox tail link chain, 9.1 grams
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18kt white gold bracelet, polished finishing, chess-style diamond cut pattern links, 18.21 grams
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J&M Sale Price $968.00

14kt gold bracelet with 36 diamonds (1.08 cttw)
Appraisal value: $6,200.00
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J&M Sale Price $1,812.00

Ladies' 14kt yellow gold dual strand rope style bracelet with five faceted amethysts (4.12 cttw), 11.6 grams
Appraisal value: $1,850.00
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Ladies 18kt white gold classic ring featuring a 0.36 ct diamond SI-2 F and 13 baguette/tapered baguette diamonds (0.41 cttw), 3.5 grams
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J&M Regular Price $1,339.00
J&M Sale Price $870.00

14kt two-toned mens' wedding band, 7.3 grams
J&M Regular Price $473.00
J&M Sale Price $377.00

14kt yellow gold stylised cross pendant with partially rhodium plated matte and polished frame with polished tips and 10 full cut diamonds (0.10 cttw), 4.1 grams
Appraisal value: $850.00
J&M Regular Price $355.00
J&M Sale Price $230.00

Ladies 14kt yellow gold ring featuring a 2.40 ct medium purple faceted amethyst, 4.6 grams
Appraisal value: $1,000.00
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